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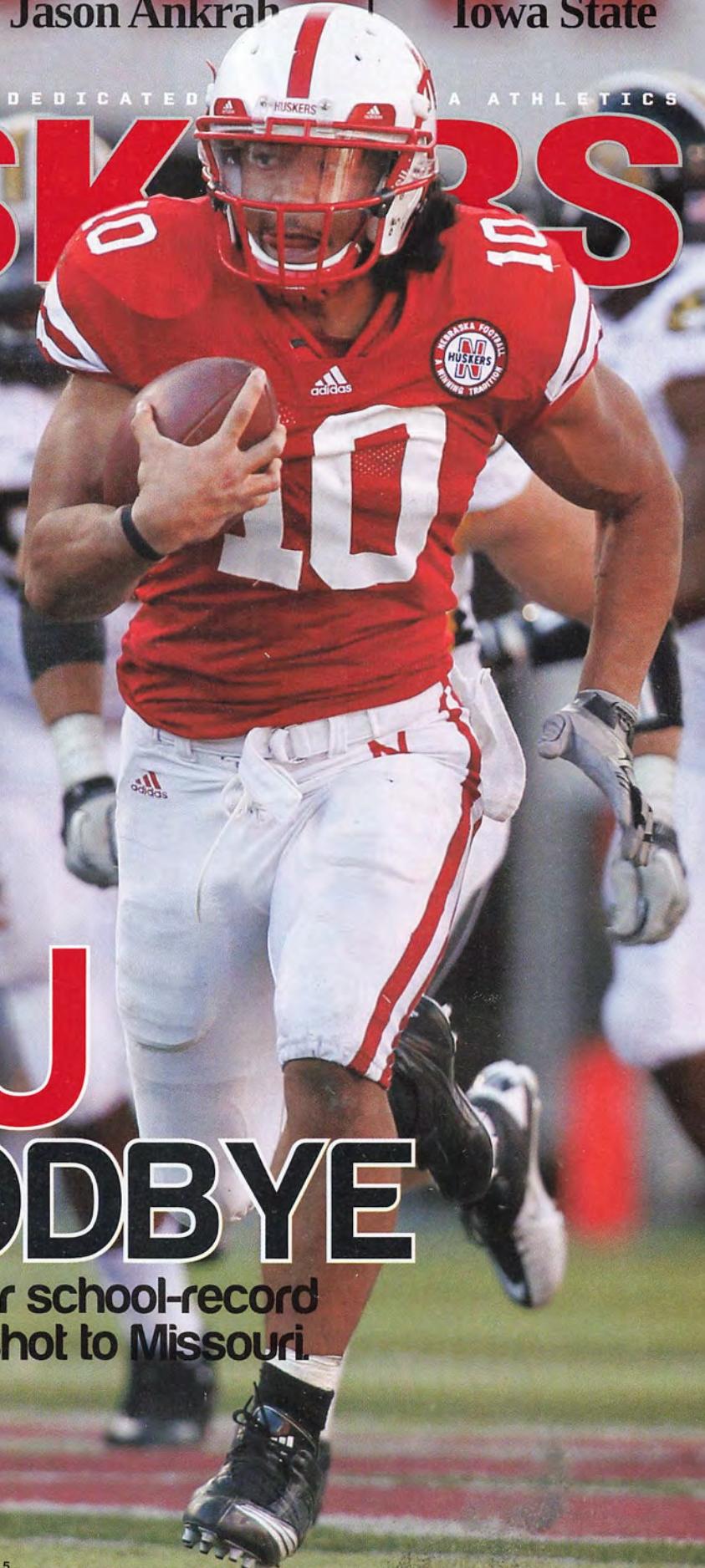
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Roy Helu Jr. rushes for one of his three touchdowns during his record day against the Missouri Tigers. Helu became the first Cornhusker to rush for over 300 yards in a single game, finishing with 307 yards on 28 carries. He had touchdown runs of 66, 73 and 53 yards to turn away the Tigers.

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DRAMATIC DEPARTURE

Huskers send Paper Tigers back to Columbia



NOW THAT IS HOW

you make an exit.

Missouri will remember this game for a long time.

Strutting into town with a 7-0 record and a top-10 national ranking, the Tigers were dreaming of a national championship. Some called Blaine Gabbert a Heisman hopeful. Many experts were saying this was Gary Pinkel's best-coached team.

Such talk was silenced minutes into the game when Roy Helu Jr. and the Huskers raced to a 24-0 first quarter lead. Add that to last season's 27-point fourth-quarter rally in Columbia, and the Huskers had reeled off 51 unanswered points in two quarters against Missouri.

Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert was hobbled in that game by Ndamukong Suh a year ago. Saturday he wished he was back in that rain-soaked contest. At least then he knew where to look for pressure.

Suh wasn't there to toss him around Saturday. Instead it was the entire cast of Blackshirts, including several fresh faces.

Gabbert was sacked by Lavonte David, Jared Crick, Eric Hagg and Pierre Allen.

Junior defensive end Kevin Thomsen, playing in his first game all year, dropped the one-time Husker commit. By the time Courtney Osborne delivered a highlight reel sack in the fourth quarter, Gabbert was done. He had been sacked just seven times in his first seven games. His numbers Saturday were a very un-Heismanlike 18-for-42 for 199 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

In the end, this looked like so many other paper-Tiger teams that couldn't win the big one. After all the talk of Missouri being in the national championship race, it was the Huskers who looked like contenders and the Tigers who looked like pretenders.

So while Missouri will remember this 31-17 defeat for years to come, Nebraska will enjoy the spoils.

The Victory Bell, awarded annually to the winner of the game since 1926, may already be in a North Stadium trophy case – assuming anybody was able to pry it from D.J. Jones' hands after he carried it off the field.

Now, that is how you make an exit. **N**

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Passing Fancy

To say that Nebraska's offensive philosophy changed dramatically during Bill Callahan's four years as head coach would be an understatement.

Prior to his arrival in 2004, and his installation of the West Coast offense, the school single-game record for passing yards was 297 by Dave Humm in a 20-16 victory against Wisconsin in Tom Osborne's first season as head coach, 1973.

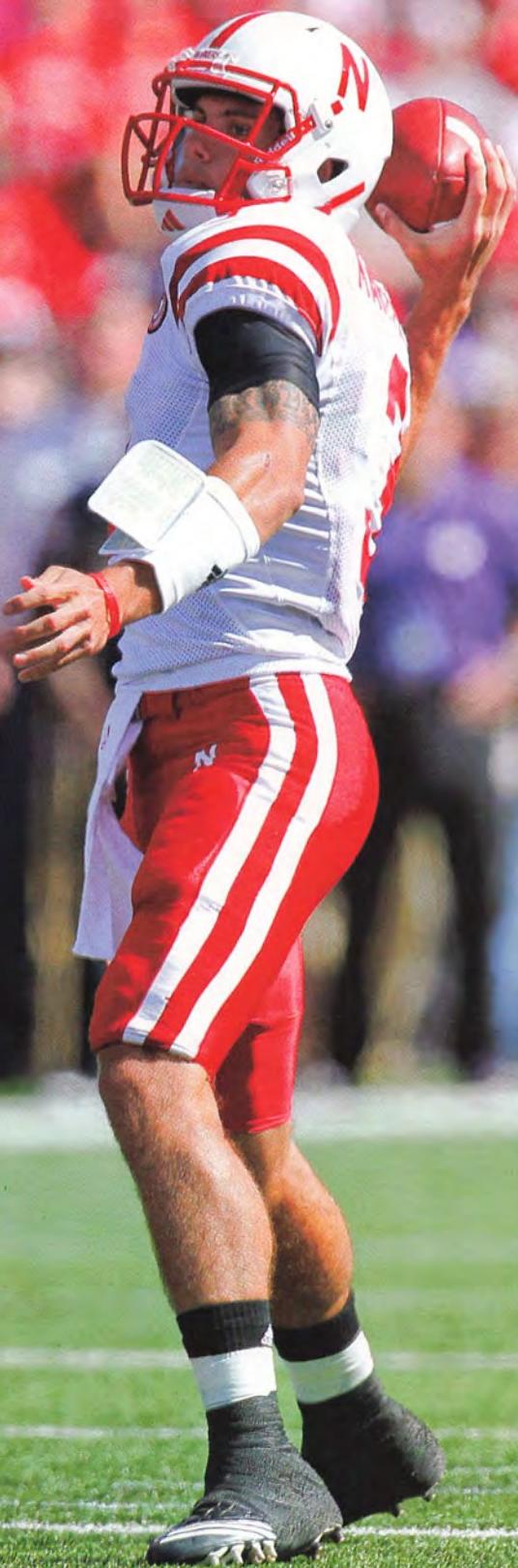


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Humm also was second on the school's BC (before Callahan) single-game, passing-yardage list, as well as fifth, sixth and eighth. Now, the lefty from Las Vegas barely makes the list's top 20. In fact, when Taylor Martinez passed for 323 yards against Oklahoma State, Humm dropped to No. 19.

Martinez became just the sixth Cornhusker ever to pass for 300 yards in a game, joining Joe Ganz, Sam Keller, Zac Taylor, Joe Dailey and Zac Lee. Ganz did it eight times, including a school-record 510 yards in a 73-31 victory against Kansas State in Callahan's final season, 2007.

Though Martinez didn't crack the school single-game top 10 with his 323 passing yards at Stillwater, he did show what the coaches had been saying. "He's got a big arm," Bo Pelini said during his weekly news conference before the Washington game. "I've seen him throw the deep ball very well."

Two weeks before the Oklahoma State game, offensive coordinator Shawn Watson called Martinez "as efficient of a passer as I've ever been around. He has all the skill set in terms of mechanics, ball velocity, arm strength, footwork, all those things you need in a quarterback," said Watson.

"His experience in the passing game every week grows, and he gets better and better and better. I think he does a tremendous job . . . I have a lot of confidence in him."

Martinez's performance against Oklahoma State, 435 yards of total offense and five touchdown passes, earned him recognition as the Football Bowl Subdivision National Offensive Player of the Week from the Walter Camp Foundation. Interestingly enough, he shared the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week award with Missouri's Blaine Gabbert. Go figure.

NU TOP 10 PASSING YARDAGE ALL-TIME

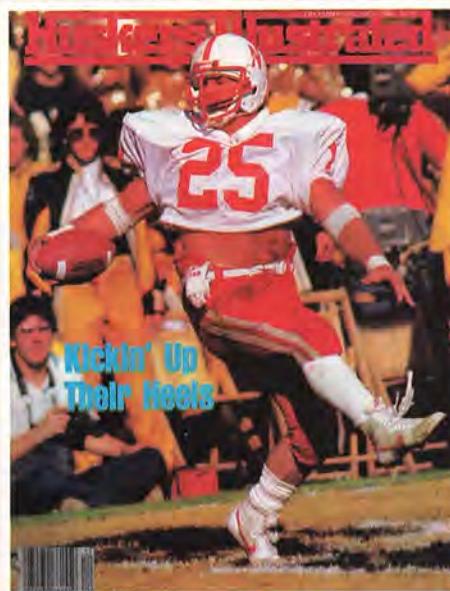
1.	Joe Ganz, Kansas State, 2007	510
2.	Ganz, Colorado, 2007*	484
3.	Sam Keller, Ball State, 2007	438
4.	Zac Taylor, Iowa State, 2005	431
5.	Ganz, Kansas, 2007*	405
6.	Taylor, Kansas, 2006	395
7.	Taylor, Colorado, 2005	392
8.	Keller, USC, 2007*	389
9.	Ganz, Texas Tech, 2008*	349
10.	Ganz, Western Michigan, 2008	345

NU TOP 10 PASSING YARDAGE BC

1.	Dave Humm, Wisconsin, 1973	297
2.	Humm, Missouri, 1973	292
3.	Frank Patrick, Oklahoma, 1967	290
4.	Jerry Tagge, Kansas State, 1971	285
5.	Humm, Kansas, 1972	281
6.	Humm, Oklahoma State, 1972	271
7.	Brook Berringer, Kansas, 1994	267
	Humm, Missouri, 1972	267
9.	Vince Ferragamo, Miami, 1976	264
10.	Tagge, Kansas, 1969	260

HI'S TOP 5

DEFINITE DOMINATION



Nebraska has dominated the series with Iowa State, 85-17-2. As a result, many of the most memorable games have been when the Cyclones have had rare success. They've never won more than three in a row against Nebraska, and then only once (1943-45). Here are five in the series to remember:

- 1 NEBRASKA 72, IOWA STATE 29 (Lincoln)**
Nov. 5, 1983; Most points against a conference foe until Kansas State in 2007 (See Games Remembered).
- 2 NEBRASKA 27, IOWA STATE 20, 2OT (Lincoln)**
Oct. 1, 2005; First overtime game in Memorial Stadium history, Iowa State ranked No. 23.
- 3 IOWA STATE 23, NEBRASKA 23 (Ames)** Nov. 11, 1972; Bob Devaney's attempt at a third consecutive national title takes a big hit.
- 4 IOWA STATE 19, NEBRASKA 10 (Ames)** Nov. 14, 1992; Tom Osborne's teams lost only once to an opponent that finished with a losing record.
- 5 IOWA STATE 9, NEBRASKA 7 (Lincoln)** Oct. 24, 2009; See what five-of-seven lost fumbles and three pass interceptions can do.

MORE T-MAGIC



Taylor Martinez has already broken the Husker single-season record for passing yards by a freshman. He surpassed Tommie Frazier in the Oklahoma State game. Frazier's record was 727 yards in 1992, when he completed 44-of-100 passes with 10 touchdowns and only one interception in nine games.

Through seven games, Martinez was well on his way to becoming the third freshman quarterback in NCAA FBS history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. The only ones who had done so were Missouri's Brad Smith (1,093 in 2002) and Kent State's Joshua Cribbs (1,019 in 2001).

LEAVE IT TO ALEX

Rarely do the coaches ask Alex Henery if he can make a field goal attempt before sending him on the field to try. There's no need for that. "We have a pretty good idea what his range is," said coach Bo Pelini. "The only time we ask him is if wind is involved. He's a guy that's going to look you in the face and not tell you what you want to hear. He'll tell you the truth and what he thinks. And I'm not going to put him in a situation where there's a big, hard wind for a 55-yarder and set him up for failure."

"That doesn't make any sense. We have great communication as far as that's concerned."



TAYLOR MARTINEZ

PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

ON THE ROAD YET AGAIN

We would be remiss if we didn't mention this, again. Everyone else does, and Husker players and coaches were weary of the questions surrounding it, long ago. Nebraska will be looking for a ninth consecutive road victory under coach Bo Pelini when it plays at Iowa State.

So what's up with that?

"If I had an answer to that, I think it'd just be our mentality, that we go into road games thinking it's us against the world," said senior safety DeJon Gomes. "At home it's almost like you wanted to take that mentality into it, but you know you have your fans behind you and all of that."

WRISTBANDS REMAIN

Many of the Huskers have worn red wristbands with ":01" and "FINISH" on them since the summer. The wristbands referred to the 1 second put back on the clock in last year's Big 12 Championship game, allowing time for a Texas field goal and a 13-12 Longhorns' victory.

The players didn't take off the wristbands following the 20-13 loss against Texas because they weren't necessarily about Texas, according to senior cornerback Prince Amukamara. Rather, "they just made us realize that we just had to finish in every aspect," he said. "We have to finish out."

Walk-on Wil Richards, a redshirted freshman defensive back from Lee's Summit, Mo., distributed the wristbands to his teammates.

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As good as they get

Alex Henery doesn't avoid reporters during the week the way Taylor Martinez does. But Henery hardly relishes the spotlight. The senior place-kicker and punter recently told the Lincoln Journal Star that his most embarrassing moment at Nebraska occurred during warm-ups before the start of the second half of the Cornhuskers' 76-39 loss at Kansas his sophomore year.

He slipped and fell while kicking. "That was kind of funny," said Henery. "The student section laughed. But I try not to do anything too noticeable."

Not too noticeable? Good luck with that.

To say that Henery is the best place-kicker in school history is hardly a stretch. Midway through his senior season, he had missed only one extra-point kick in 175 attempts. He had already broken the school career record for field goals made. And with 59-of-66 field goals made, he was on pace to break the school career record for the field goal percentage (which he already held). He also was on pace to break the school season and career records for kick scoring, both held by Kris Brown.

Not too noticeable?

Henery has been outstanding as a punter as well, leading the Big 12 with 30 punts downed inside the 20 last season and averaging well over 40 yards per punt for his career.

Not too noticeable?

His 27-yard run on a fake punt against Oklahoma State was the second carry of his career. He gained 9 yards and a first down on a fake field goal in the fourth quarter against Kansas in 2008.

Not too noticeable?

How about that school record 57-yard field goal against Colorado in 2008?

Presumably, NFL scouts are taking notes.

2010 SCHEDULE

9/4	WESTERN KENTUCKY,	W, 49-10
9/11	IDAHO	W, 38-17
9/18	at Washington	W, 56-21
9/25	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	W, 17-3
10/7	at Kansas State	W, 48-13
10/16	TEXAS	L, 13-20
10/23	at Oklahoma State	W, 51-41
10/30	MISSOURI	2:30 p.m., ABC
11/6	at Iowa State	2:30 p.m., ABC
11/13	KANSAS	TBA
11/20	at Texas A&M	TBA
11/26	COLORADO	2:30 p.m., ABC
12/4	Big 12 Championship (Arlington, Texas)	

SIDELINES

2011 SCHEDULE

9/3	TBA
9/10	FRESNO STATE
9/17	WASHINGTON
9/24	at Wyoming
10/1	at Wisconsin
10/8	OHIO STATE
10/22	at Minnesota
10/29	MICHIGAN STATE
11/5	NORTHWESTERN
11/12	at Penn State
11/19	at Michigan
11/26	IOWA
12/3	Big Ten Championship (Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis)



PAUL'S PERFORMANCE

Niles Paul was among four players recognized as "Paul Hornung's Most Versatile Performances of the Week" following the Oklahoma State game. Paul had 274 all purpose yards against the Cowboys, on nine pass receptions for 131 yards, one punt return for 24 yards and two kickoff returns for 119 yards. His first kickoff return went for 100 yards and a touchdown.

Others recognized that week were Alabama running back-kick returner Trent Richardson, Stanford fullback and linebacker Owen Marecic and UAB running back-kick returner Pat Shed.

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Davey O'Brien Semifinalist

Keeping up with the record-breaking exploits of Taylor Martinez is no small task. In fact, the statistics become overwhelming. Through the first seven games, he had already set Nebraska freshman records for season-passing yards, longest rush, and consecutive 100-yard rushing games as well as single-game records for rushing touchdowns, passing touchdowns, passing yards and total offense.

He also holds the school record for rushing yards by a quarterback.

So his inclusion among 16 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award should come as no surprise, even though he'll be in fast company, literally as well as figuratively. Martinez is the only freshman on the list, which includes three others from the Big 12.

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accounts for 5 percent of the final total.

Eric Crouch won the award in 2001.

SEMIFINALISTS

- Matt Barkley (So.), USC
- Kirk Cousins (Jr.), Michigan State
- Andy Dalton (Sr.), TCU
- Blaine Gabbert (Jr.), Missouri
- Robert Griffin (So.), Baylor
- Landry Jones (So.), Oklahoma
- Colin Kaepernick (Sr.), Nevada
- Andrew Luck (Jr.), Stanford
- Ryan Mallett (Jr.), Arkansas
- Taylor Martinez (Fr.), Nebraska
- Kellen Moore (Jr.), Boise State
- Cam Newton (Jr.), Auburn
- Terrelle Pryor (Jr.), Ohio State
- Denard Robinson (So.), Michigan
- Ricky Stanzi (Sr.), Iowa
- Darron Thomas (So.), Oregon

SIDELINES

PRO-NUNCIATION

Peter King of SI.com, referring to Husker cornerback Prince Amukamara: "I think if you just learned how to pronounce the name of one very high Nebraska draft choice – defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, by Detroit with the second pick in 2010 – you'd better get ready for a second one. The Cornhuskers will have another top-five pick next April, again from the defensive side."



OWN WORST CRITIC, OR NOT

Early in the season, safety DeJon Gomes described himself as his own worst critic. Marvin Sanders, his position coach, begs to differ. "I promise you that Gomes thinks I'm his worst critic," said Sanders.



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STOPPING THE RUN

Bo Pelini isn't always conventional in his approach to defense. There's more than one way to accomplish something. For example, "you don't always have to load the box to play good defense," he said earlier this season, before the start of Big 12 play. "We didn't always load the box last year. Like I said, there are strengths and weaknesses to every defense you call. Sometimes, you're going to call things that make you a little bit stronger on the run."

During the non-conference season "when I feel like we're in control of football games, I'm not necessarily calling all those things and we're not calling those things as a defense," said Pelini. "We're experimenting with different things. There's a method to the madness.

"It's all a process to get you where you want to go."

A BIG TARGET

Senior Mike McNeill (6-4, 235) was second on the team in pass receptions last season with 28 to give him 61 for his career. He was moved from tight end to wide receiver, seemingly increasing his chances of catching passes. Through the first six games, however, he had only six receptions, in large part because Nebraska was relying more on running with Taylor Martinez at quarterback.

Then came the Oklahoma State game; McNeill caught five passes.

The numbers notwithstanding, "Mike

is really a great route runner," said offensive coordinator Shawn Watson. "He's always worked really hard and he's embraced his role. When we moved him from tight end to receiver, it was a totally new position. He's done a great job in the blocking aspect, makes us more physical there. He's been a key in a number of big, breakout runs.

"At the point of attack, he's been a key player. He's an easy guy to find because he gets himself open. He does an excellent job, and we make sure that we have him in our targeting pattern."



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FOR BRETT WELLS, the most difficult part of walking on at Nebraska was gaining weight. Check that, has been gaining weight. He isn't finished putting on pounds.

The 6-foot-4 Wells, a walk-on tight end, weighs 222, nearly 40 pounds more than when he arrived. His goal is to weigh "240, 245," he said. "I won't be done for a long time, unfortunately."

Actually, that's not his goal. That's what the coaches want.

The problem is, "I have a very high metabolism, or so I think I do," said Wells.

As a result, his freshman year "I had to stuff myself every single meal. I had to get up on weekends and eat breakfast, which I really like sleeping in. It was horrible," he said.

"Even if I go home, like in May or something, I have to make sure I get up and eat in the morning and eat constantly throughout the day. Otherwise, I'll have to come here and roll," Wells said.

Roll as in rollovers, not as in cinnamon.

"And I'm not doing that," he said. "That's not fun."

Wells can claim two hometowns. His family lives closer to Elba and "I usually make it clear it's Elba," he said. But he attended high school in St. Paul, about 15 minutes away.

If not for torn ligaments and a badly bruised bone in an ankle, suffered on the first play of the first football game his senior year, he probably would be playing college basketball.

"Basketball definitely was my first love," said Wells.

His basketball choices were Hastings College, Wayne State and Nebraska-Kearney, until the injury. Only Hastings and Nebraska stuck with him. Nebraska was interested in him as a football walk-on, and had been since he attended the Big Red summer camp as a high school junior.

Picking the Huskers was a "pretty easy decision," Wells said.

First semester his freshman year was especially difficult because "you don't really know what's going on. It's all a rush," he said. "But this year, it's kind of getting in rhythm. It's hard being on scout team when you're used to being the No. 1 guy in high school."

Maybe not as hard as putting on weight, though.

"I still hate it," said Wells.

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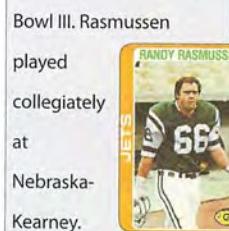
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- Elba native Randy Rasmussen played 15 seasons in the AFL and NFL with the New York Jets (1967-81), after being a 12th-round draft pick, the 302nd player selected overall. He started at guard in the Jets' victory against the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III. Rasmussen



- played collegiately at Nebraska-Kearney.
- Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander was born in Elba.
- Elba is home to the annual Kolache Shoot-Out.



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Sat, Sept. 11	Idaho	Memorial Stadium	11:30 am
Sat, Sept. 18	at Washington	Husky Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Sept. 25	South Dakota State	Memorial Stadium	6:00 pm
Thur, Oct. 7	at Kansas State	Snyder Stadium	6:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 16	Texas	Memorial Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 23	at Oklahoma State	Pickens Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 30	Missouri	Memorial Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Nov. 6	at Iowa State	Trice Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Nov. 13	Kansas	Memorial Stadium	TBA
Sat, Nov. 20	at Texas A&M	Kyle Field	TBA
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Alvarez, now the athletics director for the Badgers, served as Wisconsin's head football coach for 16 seasons from 1990-2005. He has the longest coaching tenure and the most victories in school history, going 118-73-4.

Alvarez led Wisconsin to three Big Ten titles and his teams finished ranked in the Associated Press top 25 six times. The Badgers were 8-3 in bowl games under Alvarez, including a 3-0 mark in Rose Bowls.

Born in Langeloth, Pa., Alvarez played linebacker at Nebraska from 1966-1968 and went on to coach high school football in Lexington and Mason City, Iowa. He then became a linebackers coach at Iowa (1979-86) and Notre Dame (1987) before becoming the Fighting Irish defensive coordinator (1988-89).

Overall, Wisconsin has won 11 conference titles and has two Heisman Trophy winners in Alan Ameche (1954) and Ron Dayne (1999). The Badgers also boast 21 All-Americans.

Nebraska leads Wisconsin 3-2 in the all-time series. The two schools haven't met on the gridiron since 1974 when the Badgers won 21-20.

DON'T MISS

The University of Wisconsin is located in Madison, Wis., which is a 10 1/2-hour drive from Lincoln. Flights are available into Madison, typically with a stop in Minneapolis/St. Paul.

The Badgers play their home games in Camp Randall Stadium. The 80,321-seat facility is the fourth-oldest in the Big Ten, features a FieldTurf playing surface and received its name because it sits on the grounds of Camp Randall, which was a former Union Army training camp during the Civil War.

The stadium's traditions include "The Fifth Quarter," which is a post-game performance by the Wisconsin marching band. Fans stay as long as 20 minutes after the game to watch.



HEAD COACH

Resume: Brent Bielema, an Illinois native and former Iowa player, took over as Wisconsin's head coach in 2006 and guided his team to a 12-1 record. Including a 7-1 start to the 2010 season, Bielema started 45-15 in his four-plus seasons as the Badgers' head coach.

NAMES TO KNOW

RON DAYNE: (right) won the Heisman Trophy and the Maxwell, Walter Camp and Doak Walker awards in 1999. The running back had a NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision record 6,397 yards rushing, not including bowl games.

ALAN AMECHE: (left) The 1954 Heisman winner, Ameche's No. 35 jersey is retired at Wisconsin. "The Horse" is perhaps best known for scoring the winning touchdown for Baltimore in the 1958 NFL championship game, tabbed "The Greatest Game Ever Played."

BARRY ALVAREZ: (center) After reviving a struggling program at Wisconsin, Alvarez became the only Big Ten coach to win consecutive Rose Bowls. He is one of six coaches to ever coach their team to three Rose Bowl victories.

JOE THOMAS: Won the Outland Trophy, the Lombardi Award and was named an All-American as a senior at Wisconsin in 1996. Thomas, an offensive tackle, was the No. 3 overall pick in the 2007 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

ELROY HIRSCH: Nicknamed "Crazy Legs" for his unusual running style, Hirsch played for Wisconsin in 1942 and was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1974. Due to a Navy commitment, he transferred to Michigan for his last two seasons.



STATE OF THE HUSKERS

BY CURT MCKEEVER

Coordinators evolve in on-going chess match

THEY SPEND ALL week juggling academics with the demands of being major-college football players. No wonder the game-day experience is such a treat for most Huskers.

But let's take a moment to look beyond the guys in uniform, because nobody enjoys Saturdays more than the guys who spend their week mapping out the plans for attack.

And the bigger the stakes, the more coaches get excited for the challenge.

Let's take a look at Missouri and Nebraska the week before they met in a game of major importance for their goal of winning the Big 12 North Division.

The Tigers played host to Oklahoma in a battle of unbeatens. The Sooners entered as the No. 1 team in the BCS rankings, were 7-0 against Missouri in Big 12 play and had won 20 of the previous 21 matchups.

Nebraska played at unbeaten Oklahoma State the week after it had been handed its first loss.

In Columbia, Mo., Tigers' offensive coordinator David Yost studied the Sooners and determined Oklahoma would put a lot into taking away bubble-screen passes that have been bread and butter for quarterback Blaine Gabbert. But Yost also noticed that the middle of the field could be more exposed, and from that observation came an idea to insert a

tighter down-hill zone play where the tailback would hit the gap between the guards, as opposed to looping runs that take longer to develop.

Yost noted the between-guards play was part of the base running game when Brad Smith led the Missouri offense from 2002-05, but since then the Tigers had rarely called on it.

Other twists the Tigers added against Oklahoma were 1) having Gabbert, in some short-yardage situations, take snaps directly under center with two extra linemen in the backfield; 2) using an unbalanced line that added a third blocking tackle and 3) sending a second tailback in motion, letting Gabbert fake a handoff to one and give to the other on a misdirection play.

The result of Yost's plotting helped Missouri generate 178 rushing yards on a season-high 39 carries – numbers that had a major impact in their 36-27 victory.

Back in Lincoln, Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson spent his week designing a plan that would spread out the Cowboys' defensive front. Undoubtedly, they'd seen how Texas had committed two sets of eyes to quarterback Taylor Martinez on every play to try and limit his explosive runs – a plan that worked to a T.

What Watson thought would work best to counter that thinking

was a downfield passing attack that Nebraska had yet to show, and the result produced exactly what he wanted in a 51-41 win. Martinez completed 23-of-35 passes for career highs of 323 yards and five touchdowns. He also rushed for 112 yards to become the first Nebraska quarterback to have a 300/100 game.

Yost and Watson got less than one day to enjoy how their plans worked, but you wouldn't hear either complaining.

They were too busy with the thrill of preparing for the next chess match.

When Yost started sizing up Nebraska, he talked about the Huskers being the best he'd seen at defending a spread offense using coverage that utilizes both zone and man elements from a 4-3 front. That was different than the three-man, often-blitzing fronts the Huskers had tried unsuccessfully against the Tigers in 2008, and its success sent Yost to the think tank often in the off-season.

Meanwhile, Watson was lauding the defensive front of a Missouri unit that ranked No. 5 nationally in scoring defense. At the same time, he seemed as excited as Yost for seeing how his plan would play out on Saturday.

"That's why you do what you do," Watson said. "Find a way to win." **N**

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FIVE QUESTIONS

Jason Ankrah

Ankrah in rare company as an East Coast recruit

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ANKRAH IS ONLY THE

SECOND NEBRASKA

football player to come from Maryland since 1990. The other was David Harvey, who was a senior on last year's squad.

Now that Harvey and Virginia native Larry Asante are gone, Ankrah said he feels alone as a rare East Coast player on Nebraska's roster.

"Coming here was different," said Ankrah, a 6-foot-4, 240-pound defensive end from Gaithersburg, Md.

Ankrah attended Quince Orchard High School – the same high school where Nebraska assistant coach John Papuchis played quarterback. That connection, in essence,

is how Nebraska learned of Ankrah

"He was just stopping by the high school one day, not even knowing about me," Ankrah said of Papuchis. "My high school coach was talking about me, gave him my film. Then he looked at it, called me up and said he'd offer me, and said he wanted me to come out for a visit."

Ankrah also considered Michigan, Penn State and Maryland. His relationship with Papuchis, though, is a big reason he's a Husker today.

"We were very close in recruiting," Ankrah said. "Sometimes I'd just call him up, and we'd just talk. We just grew a close bond and everything."

Ankrah was also a

high school teammate of Drew Papuchis, who played guard and tackle. He's John's younger brother.

Ankrah played in the first Maryland Crab Bowl, an all-star game pitting the top players in Maryland against the best players from Washington, D.C.

"I played with a lot of my teammates. It's fun," Ankrah said. "A lot of people in that game went D-I, like Penn State, Michigan, Maryland."



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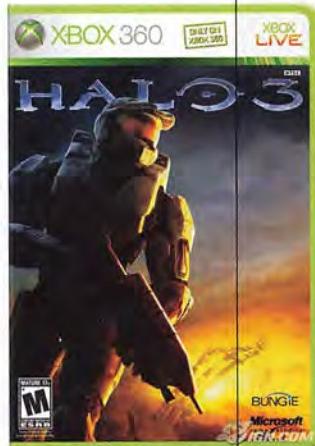
HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED What sport have you never played but you would like to try playing?

ANKRAH: I say I'd try baseball, probably. I don't know why. I've never played. I would probably just bat, or play first base.

2

HI What's your favorite video game?

ANKRAH: Halo and NCAA. Halo is a shooting game, kind of Call of Duty, only more futuristic.



3

HI What's your least favorite sport?

ANKRAH: Soccer or golf. Probably golf. It's so boring. Soccer, there's some excitement, but golf, I just don't like it.

4

HI What's your biggest pet peeve?

ANKRAH: Lying to my face. That's a big pet peeve of mine. I don't know why.

5

HI If you had to tell your friends one good thing about Lincoln, what would it be?

ANKRAH: The people here love each other. The people here are nice, teammates and family. Different atmosphere from where I'm from. People don't take you in as they do here. It's just a big family here.



by Terry Douglass

TURNING POINT



PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

Burned by the blitz

EVEN AFTER its stellar start, Nebraska appeared to be having difficulty putting Missouri away.

The Cornhuskers, who had surged to a 24-0 first-quarter advantage, found themselves leading just 24-14 after Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert's 23-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Moe with 7:30 remaining in the third quarter. Nebraska had failed to score on six consecutive possessions, starting quarterback Taylor Martinez was sidelined with an injury and the Tigers seemed to be gaining momentum.

But that's when the Huskers called on Roy Helu Jr. On the second play of Nebraska's ensuing possession, the senior I-back took the handoff and dashed to the middle of the field for a 53-yard TD run that put NU ahead 31-14 with 6:38 left in the third quarter.

Helu's scoring run turned the tide back in Nebraska's favor and the Huskers held on for a 31-17 victory in their critical Big 12 Conference North Division matchup against previously undefeated Missouri.

"That was huge," Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said of Helu's third TD dash of the game. "Anytime that you can

answer like that, that's big — real big."

Nebraska backup quarterback Zac Lee, who played the entire second half in place of Martinez, said the Huskers caught Missouri in a blitz with a simple stretch play.

"They emptied the back end and the read (defender) stayed on me and there was obviously a big crease for Roy," Lee said. "It's great when you can dent the blitz like that and hit them for big gains."

Helu finished with a single-game school-record 307 yards rushing on 28 carries. In the first quarter, Helu ripped off TD runs of 66 and 73 yards — also on plays where Missouri blitzed.

Watson said the Huskers knew exactly what to expect from Missouri's "blitz-happy" defense.

"When you live by the blitz, you die by the blitz," Watson said of Missouri's defense. "It was pretty easy to see what they were doing and that was one of our blitz runs. We knew all week that it would be there. It was just a matter of getting them in a rhythm where we knew for sure where they were going to be at." **N**

by Terry Douglass



GameNotes



PHOTO BY AARON BABCOCK

SUCCESSFUL SCHEME

A new defensive scheme played a significant role in helping Nebraska slow Missouri's high-powered passing attack in the Cornhuskers' 31-17 victory Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

The Tigers entered the game with the nation's No. 16 passing and were 24th in the country in scoring offense. However, Nebraska held Missouri to 199 yards through the air and limited the visitors to one first-half touchdown while taking a 24-7 lead into the intermission.

Nebraska, which ranks second nationally in pass efficiency defense, made a change in scheme to combat a Missouri squad that consistently lined up in four- and five-receiver formations. The Huskers showed both a three- and four-man defensive line with defensive end Cameron Meredith playing a hybrid role of defensive lineman and linebacker.

"We worked that three-man front

all spring and all fall just for this game because they get those multiple pullers and it's the only way to get enough hats to the ball in the run game," Nebraska defensive coordinator Carl Pelini said. "Our guys were ready. They did a great job of executing it and then, when we got into passing situations, we got back into our four-man front to get a good pass rush."

Pelini said Meredith was a key player in Nebraska's ability to execute its new defensive scheme. When the Tigers would start with an empty backfield and then "re-enter" a back, Pelini said it was critical for Meredith to align himself opposite of the Missouri running back.

"There was a lot on Cameron today," Pelini said. "He made the calls, he made the checks, he had to be aware of that back (in) motion and change our fronts. He did a tremendous job."

FRESH FACES

Nebraska's defensive unit featured a pair of new faces in the secondary as junior Austin Cassidy and sophomore Courtney Osborne took on starting roles at safety against Missouri. Both finished with six tackles and Osborne had an 11-yard sack.

"We asked a lot of them because they were basically playing linebacker and safety at the same time," Nebraska defensive coordinator Carl Pelini said of Cassidy and Osborne. "They tackled well and covered well. I'm darn proud of those guys."

Pelini said the decision to start Osborne and Cassidy was about intra-squad competition and playing the best players.

"We talked about being better tacklers and those are two great tacklers and

Game Notes



PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

Injuries Mount

Nebraska lost a pair of starters to injury in the first half of its win over Missouri.

First, defensive back Alfonzo Dennard left the game with a concussion with nine minutes left in the first quarter after being hit by teammate Courtney Osborne. Late in the first half, Husker quarterback Taylor Martinez

took a shot to the lower right leg on an open-field tackle by Tigers' safety Kenji Jackson.

Although Martinez finished the half, he was limping noticeably and was replaced by backup Zac Lee in the second half.

"He's OK — he just couldn't push off," Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said when asked about

Martinez's status. "He has a bone bruise, his X-rays are negative. He's going to be OK."

Pelini said the outlook for Dennard was also encouraging.

"I just talked to him and he's feeling a lot better already," Pelini said. "You just don't know how long that's going to take. He took a hard hit."

they showed it today," Pelini said. "They earned the playing time and we're all about competition.

"We talk about it all the time and sometimes, as a coaching staff, you get into a comfort zone with the same guys, but you wake up and you say, 'Hey, if we're going to be about competition and we're not getting the job done tackling-wise, we're going to put our best tacklers out on the field and that's what we did.'

MARTIN SUSPENDED

Nebraska played Missouri without a key member of its special teams unit in reserve linebacker Eric Martin, who was serving a one-game suspension for what Big 12 Conference officials ruled was a "flagrant act" committed by the Cornhusker

sophomore in the Oct. 23 game at Oklahoma State.

"Mr. Martin committed a flagrant act of targeting an opponent with the crown of his helmet in violation of NCAA Football Rules," Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe said in a statement. "This dangerous hit is one that we in the football community are trying to remove from the game."

The incident occurred during a 100-yard kickoff return by Nebraska's Niles Paul in the first quarter. In accordance with NCAA Football Rule 9-6-3, "if subsequent review of a game by a conference reveals plays involving flagrant personal fouls that game officials did not call, the conference may impose sanctions prior to the next scheduled game," the Big 12 statement said.

LEANING ON LEE

The decision by Nebraska's coaching staff to sit starting quarterback Taylor Martinez due to an injury was apparently made much, much easier by the presence of senior backup Zac Lee.

"Zac is 'Mr. Steady Eddy.' He provides that calmness in our program," Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said. "If we needed to throw it 50 times, he would've went in and done that. He gets it and he's a great manager."

"Coaches and players alike have great respect for Zac. We knew we could put the game in his hands."

Lee, who started 11 games at quarterback last season for Nebraska as a junior, said Watson's words meant a lot to him.

"I've said before, being a quarterback is a lot more than being the guy on the field and being the front man and there a lot of things that go into that," said Lee, who rushed twice for 11 yards and completed 1-of-3 pass attempts for 11 yards against the Tigers. "Just because you're not the starter doesn't mean you can't be a quarterback on a team. I just try to go out, keep everyone's confidence and do what I do."

WORTH NOTING

► Nebraska is 7-1 for the first time since 2003 and the win over the No. 7-ranked Tigers marked the highest-ranked team Nebraska has defeated since a 20-10 victory over No. 2 Oklahoma in 2001. The win ended a streak of 12 straight losses against Associated Press top-10 teams for the Huskers.

► Nebraska kicker Alex Henery made a 41-yard field goal in the second quarter, establishing a new school record with 18 consecutive made field goals. The senior later had a 51-yard attempt blocked in the fourth quarter, ending his consecutive made streak.



ROY HELU JR. SCORES ON A 66-YARD RUN ON THE HUSKERS FIRST OFFENSIVE PLAY OF THE GAME. PHOTO BY RANDY HAMPTON

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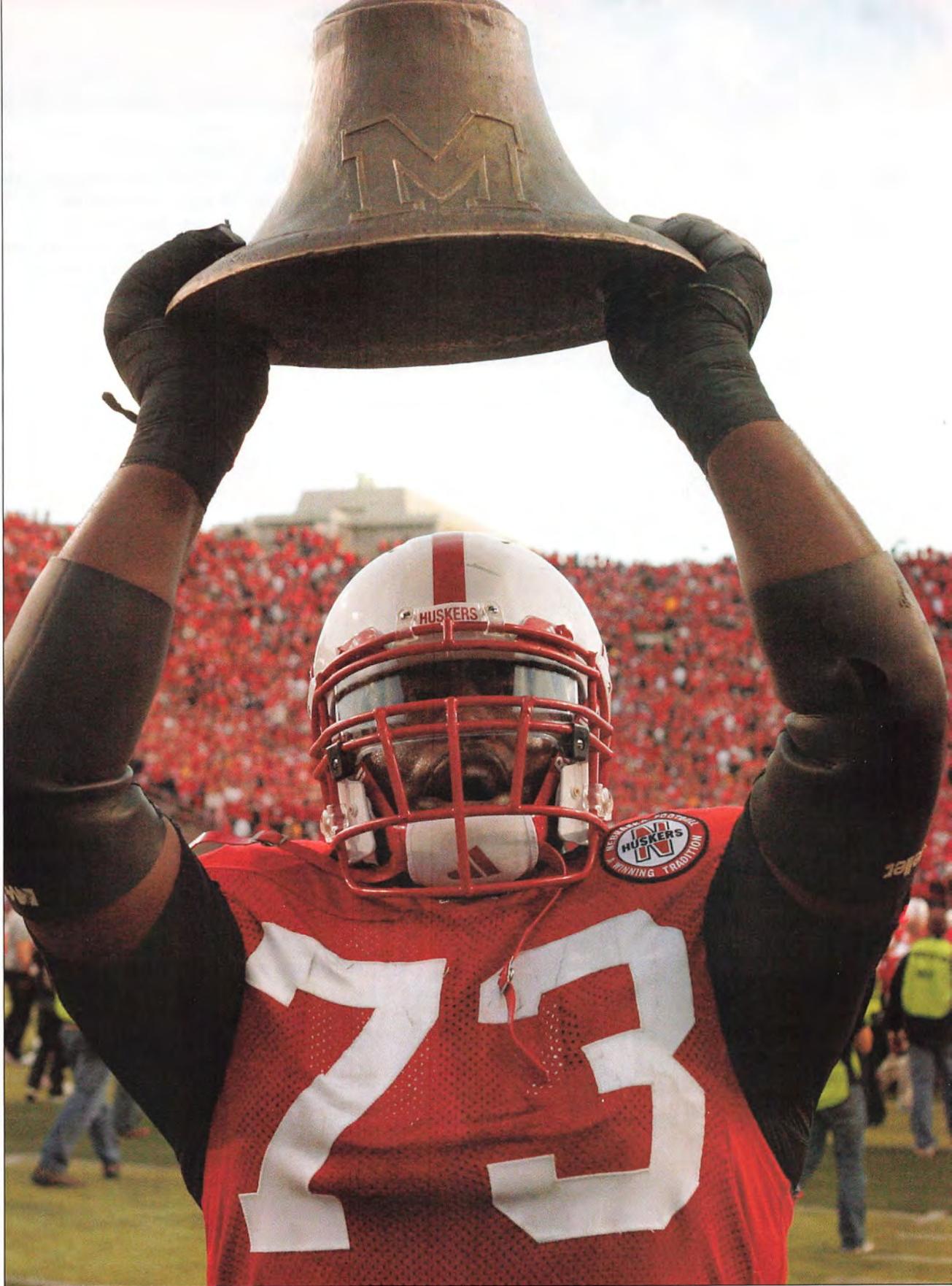


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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Courtney Osborne (12) celebrates after a sack of quarterback Blaine Gabbert. Photo by Aaron Babcock. 2) D.J. Jones hoists the Victory Bell after Nebraska's victory. Photo by Scott Bruhn. 3) Defensive back Ciate Evans covers Missouri receiver Brandon Gerau. Photo by Aaron Babcock. 4) Barney Cotton hugs Ted Gilmore and Carl Pelini in the final seconds of the game. Photo by Scott Bruhn. 5) Tight end Kyler Reed hauls in his 40-yard touchdown pass from Taylor Martinez. Photo by Aaron Babcock.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

CIANTE EVANS

His play "didn't surprise me at all," secondary coach Marvin Sanders said.

Two third-quarter plays, in particular, reflected the performance of Evans, who had seen action only briefly in four of Nebraska's first seven games.

On first-and-10 at the Nebraska 31-yard line, he broke up a Blaine Gabbert pass intended for Wes Kemp that would have been a touchdown. Six plays later, on third-and-goal inside the Cornhusker 1-yard line, Evans tackled Gabbert for no gain. Gabbert lost the ball, but the officials ruled he was down.

"What I was proud of, he stuck his nose in there

at the end," said Sanders. "He has no fear, and that's the thing you like about a corner. He's in that mode of 'Fonzo' (Dennard) and Prince (Amukamara), that if you're going to run the ball ... he's willing to stick his nose in there. I'm not asking him to be a Lavonte David or a Ray Lewis. But if you're willing to stick your nose in there, you've got a chance."

Missouri went after Evans, or at least "I thought they tried," Sanders said. "They went against him in the end zone (the pass to Kemp), and he had it covered like a blanket."

TO WATCH HIM PLAY, you wouldn't have known Ciate Evans was inexperienced, and a true freshman besides. He played like a veteran after replacing an injured Alfonzo Dennard in the first quarter.

"I was nervous about the whole game," said Evans, who certainly didn't show it.

Husker Report Card

RUSHING

Only 85 players in NCAA FBS history have rushed for 300 or more yards in a game. Roy Helu, Jr. is among them. Nothing more need be said.

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PASSING

Tight end Kyler Reed had two big catches, one for a touchdown, another for a first down an 8 minute, 40 second drive to end the game. Nebraska didn't throw much, but it threw effectively. Taylor Martinez was sacked three times, however.

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RUSHING DEFENSE

The scheme was created for Missouri and worked as planned. The majority of the Tigers' carries were on scrambles by quarterback Blaine Gabbert.

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PASSING DEFENSE

Gabbert completed only 18-of-42 passes. He was intercepted once and sacked six times. It was a rough afternoon for the former Husker commit.

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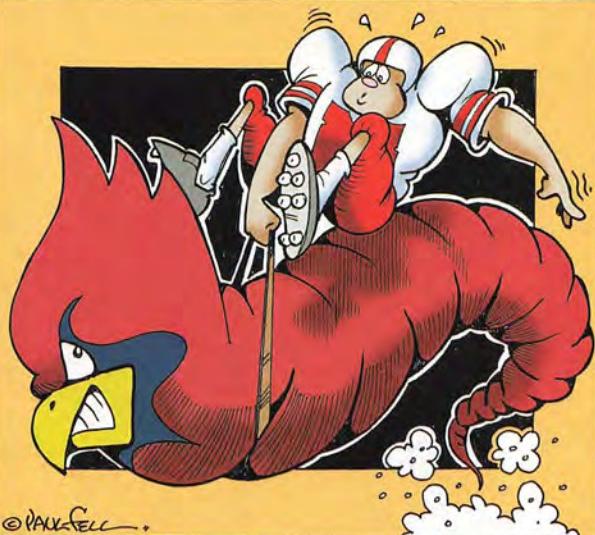
KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS

Alex Henery's school-record for consecutive field goals ended with a blocked 51-yard attempt. But Henery made a 41-yarder and averaged 41.6 yards on five punts. Niles Paul and Tim Marlowe had solid kickoff returns, which the Huskers didn't allow much return yardage.

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Kevin Kugler
(46-18, 6-2)

Sean Callahan
(46-18, 7-1)

Matt Davison
(49-15, 7-1)

Nebraska at Iowa State

NU 42-13

NU 42-14

NU 27-14

NU 41-14

NU 37-17

NU 34-13

Baylor at Oklahoma State

OSU 55-48

OSU 38-35

OSU 48-35

OSU 48-40

OSU 41-37

OSU 34-27

Oklahoma at Texas A&M

OU 35-14

OU 45-24

OU 33-21

OU 45-21

OU 40-30

OU 29-23

Missouri at Texas Tech

MU 35-21

MU 35-13

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MU 38-21

MU 41-31

MU 31-27

Texas at Kansas State

UT 24-20

KSU 21-20

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UT 28-13

UT 23-17

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TCU at Utah

TCU 35-13

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Alabama at LSU

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Arizona at Stanford

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STAN 45-35

STAN 37-31

GameStats

SCORING

Oct. 30, 2010
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Attendance: 85,907

	1	2	3	4	F
MISSOURI	0	7	10	0	17
NEBRASKA	24	0	7	0	31

First Quarter

NU Helu Jr., Roy 66 yd pass - 13:46
Drive: 1 play 66 yds 0:10

NU Henery, Alex 41 yd field goal - 9:37
Drive: 7 plays 41 yds 2:38

NU Reed, Kyler 40 yd pass from Martinez
Drive: 5 plays 76 yds 2:34

NU Helu Jr., Roy 73 yd run - 2:46
Drive: 1 play 73 yds 0:11

Second Quarter

MU Moore, De'Vion 33 yd run - 11:27
Drive: 6 plays 53 yds 2:13

Third Quarter

MU Moe, T.J. 23 yd pass - 7:30

Drive: 12 plays 78 yds 4:20

NU Helu Jr., Roy 53 yd run - 6:38

Drive: 2 plays 57 yds 0:45

MU Ressel, Grant 23 yd field goal - 1:35
Drive: 15 plays 75 yds 5:03

TEAM STATS

	MU	NU
Total First Downs	21	17
Rushing	8	11
Passing	10	6
Penalty	3	0
Rushing Attempts	34	47
Yards Gained Rushing	193	364
Yards Lost Rushing	51	36
Net Yards Rushing	142	328
Net Yards Passing	199	126
Passes Attempted	42	12
Passes Completed	18	7
Had Intercepted	1	0
Percent Completion	42.9%	58.3%
Yards per Attempt	4.7	10.5
Yards per Completion	11.1	18.0
Total Offensive Plays	76	59
Total Net Yards	341	454
Avg. Gain Per Play	4.5	7.7
Fumbles: No-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties: No-Yards	7-40	6-53
Punts: No-Yards	8-350	5-208
Avg. Per Punt	43.3	41.6
Avg. Net Punt	43.2	32.2
Punt Returns: No-Yards	3-47	2-4
Kickoff Returns: No-Yards	0-0	3-84
Interception Returns: No-Yards	0-0	1-15
Fumble Returns: No-Yards	0-0	0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	29:11	30:49
Third-Down Conversions	7-19	2-11
Percentage	36.8%	18.2%
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	1-1
Percentage	100%	100%
Sacks By: No-Yards	3-14	6-44

NEBRASKA

RUSHING	NO	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Helu Jr.	28	310	3	307	11.0	3	73
Martinez	12	39	23	16	1.3	0	13
Lee	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	9
Burkhead	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	2
TEAM	3	0	10	-10	-3.3	0	0
TOTAL	47	364	36	328	7.0	3	73

PASSING	ATT	COMP	%	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Martinez	6	9	66.7	0	115	1	40
Lee	1	3	33.3	0	11	0	11
TOTAL	7	12	58.3	0	126	1	40

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Reed	2	51	1	40
Cotton	1	22	0	22
Paul	1	21	0	21
Helu	1	14	0	14
Kinnie	1	13	0	13
Burkhead	1	5	0	5
TOTAL	7	126	1	40

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Paul	2	55	0	40
Marlowe	1	29	0	29
TOTAL	3	84	0	40

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Burkhead	2	4	0	5

PUNTING	NO	Avg	LG	50+	IN20
Henery	5	41.6	59	2	1

FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	LG	BLKD
Henery	1	2	41	1

DEFENSE	UT	AT	TT	TFL	SAC	PD	FF	FR
David	5	3	8	2-12	1-11	0	0	0
Crick	2	6	8	2-7	1-7	0	0	0
Hagg	7	0	7	2-2	1-1	0	0	0
Osborne	4	2	6	1-11	1-11	0	0	0
Cassidy	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Meredith	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gomes	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Evans	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Moore	1	2	3	1-5	0-0	0	0	0
Amukamura	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	3	0	0
Allen	1	1	2	1-7	1-7	0	0	0
Stoddard	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thompson	1	0	1	1-7	1-7	0	0	0
Martin	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Randall	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dean	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dennard	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Steinkuler	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

MISSOURI

RUSHING	NO	GAIN	LOST	NET	Avg	TD	LG
Gabbert	22	123	49	74	3.4	0	29
Moore	6	56	1	55	9.2	1	33
Lawrence	2	7	0	7	3.5	0	5
Josey	4	7	1	6	1.5	0	6
TOTAL	34	193	51	142	4.2	1	33

PASSING	ATT	COMP	%	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Gabbert	18	42	42.9	1	199	1	29

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Egnew	7	70	0	29
Moe	5	71	1	23
Jackson	2	19	0	12
Kemp	2	19	0	16
Gerau	1	14	0	14
Woodland	1	6	0	6
TOTAL	18	199	1	29

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
None	-	-	-	-

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Gettis	3	47	0	17

PUNTING	NO	AVG	LG	50+	IN20
Grabner	8	43.8	51	1	3

FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	LG	BLKD
Ressel	1	2	23	0

DEFENSE	UT	AT	T	TFL	SAC	PD	FF	FR
Gachkar	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gooden	3	4	7	3-6	2-5	0	0	0
Simmons	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ebner	0	6	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Gettis	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Harrison	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Jackson	2	3	5	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Smith	3	1	4	1-7	0-0	0	0	0
Madison	0	4	4	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Gaines	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Barrow	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Wilson	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Edwards	1	2	3	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Rutland	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Donaldson	1	1	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
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Burge	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Woodland	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Resorno	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Smith	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0



Iowa State Cyclones

Rollercoaster season includes 68-27 loss to Utah and first-ever win over Longhorns **JERRY TRICKIE**

Iowa State has been on a rollercoaster ride this season, scratching its way back to .500 through eight games despite being

outscored 251-188. The Cyclones average just 311 total offense yards to rank 103rd in the country while their 453 ypg allowed

ranks 116th. ISU has been strong in the red zone, scoring 21-of-24 times when inside the 20-yard line.



Linebacker A.J. Klein leads the Cyclone defense with 86 tackles, 4.5 TFLs and three interceptions, including 100 return yards. The sophomore paced ISU with 11 stops in a 28-21 upset of No. 22 Texas on Oct. 23, the program's first road win over a ranked team since 1990.



HEAD COACH

Resume:

Second-year head coach Paul Rhoads owns an 11-10 record at

Iowa State after the Cyclones opened this fall with a 4-4 mark. He has the Cyclones aiming for their second consecutive bowl appearance after earning a season-ending victory over Minnesota in the 2009 Insight Bowl.

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Austen Arnaud, Sr., QB:

Arnaud ranks among ISU's all-time top five in several quarterback categories with nearly 6,300 career yards passing and 39 TDs.



Alexander Robinson, Sr., RB:

Robinson is ISU's leading rusher with more than 600 yards and seven TDs this fall, including 120 yards at Texas.



Jake Knott, So., LB:

The Cyclones' second-leading tackler, Knott owns 79 stops and has added 2.5 TFLs, forced three fumbles and defended five passes.

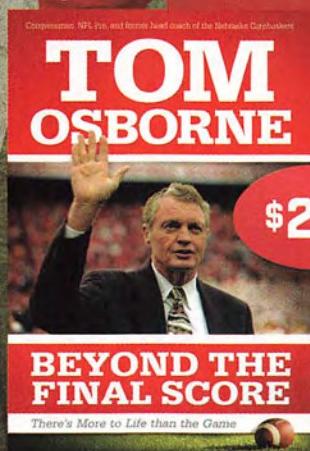
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| 9/2 | Northern Illinois, W, 27-10 |
| 9/11 | at Iowa, L, 7-35 |
| 9/18 | vs. Kansas State, L, 20-27 |
| 9/25 | Northern Iowa, W, 27-0 |
| 10/2 | Texas Tech, W, 52-38 |
| 10/9 | Utah, L, 27-68 |
| 10/16 | at Oklahoma, L, 0-52 |
| 10/23 | at Texas, W, 28-21 |
| 10/30 | Kansas, 1 p.m. |
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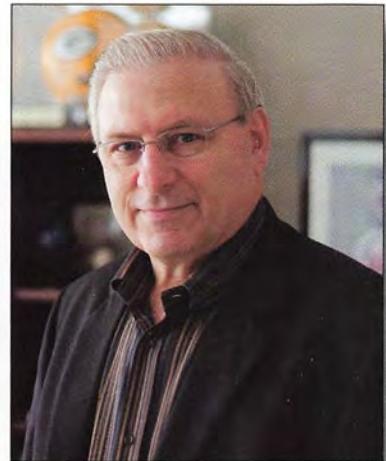
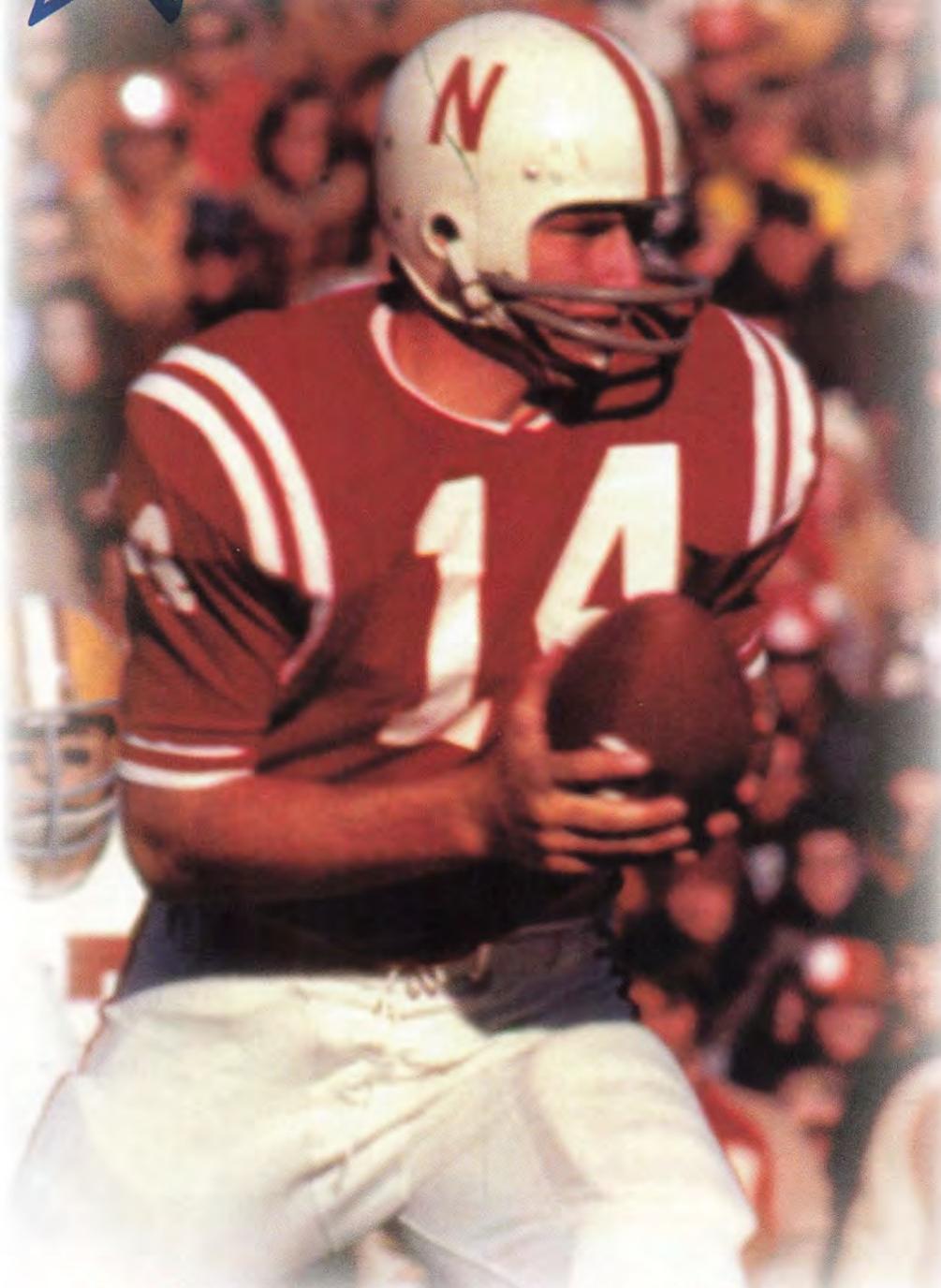


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CATCHING UP WITH

Dale Klein

NU RECORD KICKER'S LIFE REALLY IS ROCKET SCIENCE

WE'VE ALL HEARD the expression: "Don't worry. This isn't rocket science."

Well, excuse me, but a certain record-setting Nebraska kicker has never been able to make that statement since he got his first job.

Rocket science has been Dale Klein's life since he exited Lincoln with a First-Team Academic All-America Award, an NCAA kicking record that stands 25 years after the accomplishment, and an engineering degree that literally made his life all about a favorite cliché.

"I've been working on launching rockets for 23 years now – ever since that first job working on the Titan IV rocket program," said Klein, who celebrated the Silver Anniversary of his 7-of-7 field goal performance against Missouri with a trip to Lincoln to watch the final NU-Mizzou Big 12 Conference football game.

Klein was considering trying out for several pro football teams when he received his dream engineering job

offer from Martin Marietta in Denver, a place his family always seemed to hit first before heading to the mountains for summer vacations from Seward, Neb.

Today, his whole family lives in Colorado, including his mom, Angie, and his brothers – Gary (a doctor), John (a scientist/engineer), Jim (a Catholic priest) and Dennis (a junior high school principal). Their dad, Ken, died last year.

There are eight grandkids in the family, and Dale's three children made it to Lincoln for the first time to see a Nebraska football game last weekend – 16-year-old Michael, 15-year-old Kylie and 10-year-old Zachary.

Missouri was an obvious choice to christen the kids' Big Red experience. Klein, after all, almost single-footedly beat Mizzou in 1985 when he scored 22 of Nebraska's 28 points in a 28-20 win in Columbia. Klein kicked field goals that day covering 32, 22, 43, 44, 29, 43 and 43 yards.

"I was in a zone that day," Klein

said. "Kicking is a lot like playing golf. Every kick I made just made me all that more confident."

Confidence has never been a problem for a Nebraska walk-on who excelled in football, basketball, baseball and track in high school before deciding to pursue his Husker dream as a kicker.

At Nebraska, Klein started on 1984, '85 and '86 teams that finished third, 10th and fourth in the final ratings and played in two Sugar Bowls and a Fiesta Bowl.

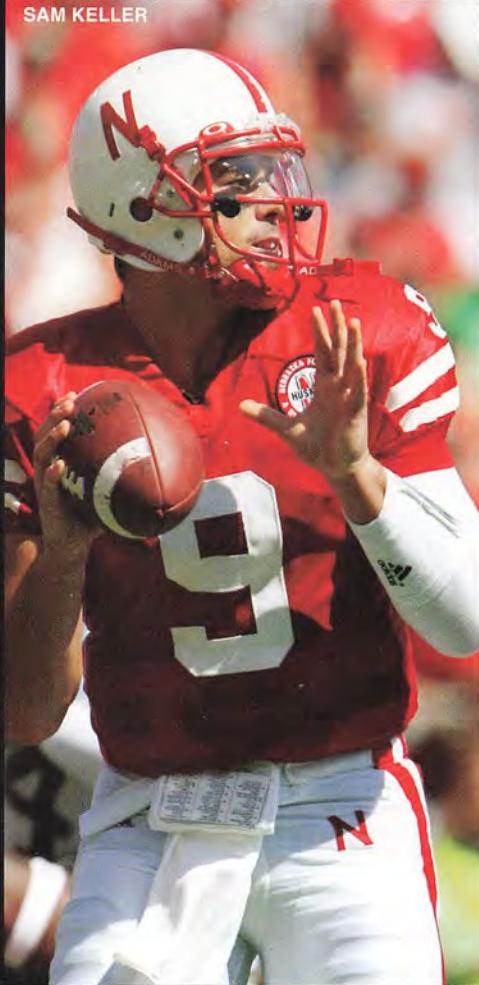
"After I took that first job, I've never really looked back," said Klein, who was immediately assigned to Martin Marietta's unmanned rocket program. The company became Lockheed Martin and then became United Launch Alliance when Lockheed Martin and Boeing merged their Space Divisions.

"We put all the military satellites and all of NASA's communications satellites into space – kind of like launching a Space Shuttle without the astronauts," said Klein, the certified engineer for the structural design of the rockets' nosecones and therefore someone who has to worry every day because his life really is rocket science.

by Randy York

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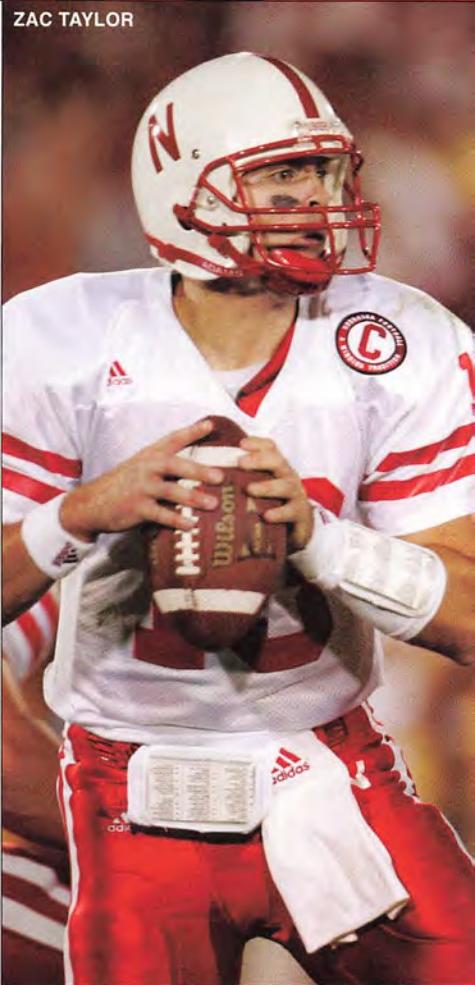
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Junior College Impact

Earlier this season, junior college transfer Lavonte David was asked if he was surprised at how quickly he had made an impact on Nebraska's defense. David has started every game at linebacker. "Not really," he said. "That's what they expected out of me, so I just take it like that. I just try to go hard, do the best I can for the coaches, (who) put me

in the right position to make a play. So that's what I do.

"I'm a junior college guy, so they expect me to come in and learn it right away."

Unlike Bill Callahan, his predecessor, coach Bo Pelini hasn't recruited many junior college players. David is among only seven to whom Pelini has given scholarships in three years. Callahan gave

scholarships to 28 junior college transfers in his four recruiting classes.

"We don't spend a lot of time recruiting junior college guys," said Pelini. "But when we do, we're very specific not only on the kid but the situation, the type of kid he is. There are a lot of things that go into that. We really do our homework as far as that's concerned."

BO'S JUCOS

2008 (Rivals star ranking)

Ricky Henry, OL (3)	North Dakota State College of Science (2009-current)
Tyson Hetzer, TE (3)	Citrus College
	2009
DeJon Gomes, DB (3)	City College of San Francisco (2009-current)
Brandon Kinnie, WR (3)	Fort Scott Community College (2009-current)
	2010
Lavonte David, LB (4)	Fort Scott Community College
Yoshi Hardick, OL (4)	Fort Scott Community College
Chase Harper, TE (4)	Navarro Junior College
*Stanley Jean-Baptiste, WR	Fort Scott Community College

*Walk-on

BILL'S JUCOS

2004

Jordan Adams, QB (2)	Grossmont College
Cornelius Fuamatu-Thomas, OL (3)	City College of San Francisco (2005)
Marque McCray, WR (-)	College of San Mateo
Shamus McKoy, WR (-)	Scottsdale Community College (2005)

2005

Zack Bowman, CB (5)	New Mexico Military Institute (2005-07)
Barry Cryer, DL (3)	Dodge City Community College (2005-06)
Ola Dagunduro, DL (4)	Compton College (2005-06)
Frantz Hardy, WR (4)	Butler County Community College (2005-06-07)
Dontrell Moore, LB (3)	Coffeyville Community College (2005)
Steve Octavien, LB (4)	William Rainey Harper College (2006-07)
Brock Pasteur, OL (2)	Mesabi Range Community College
Jordan Picou, OL (2)	Mt. San Antonio College (2007)
Tyrell Spain, WR (3)	Mesa College
Zac Taylor, QB (3)	Butler County Community College (2005-06)
Justin Tomerlin, TE (4)	Butler County Community College
Bryan Wilson, DB (2)	Pierce College (2006-07)

2006

Victory Haines, OL (3)	Snow College (2007)
Brandon Johnson, DL (3)	Compton College (2006-07)
Andre Jones, DB (5)	Fresno City College (2006-07)
Carl Nicks, OL (4)	Hartnell College (2006-07)
Maurice Purify, WR (4)	City College of San Francisco (2006-07)
Kenny Wilson, RB (4)	Butler County Community College (2006)

2007

Larry Asante, DB (4)	Coffeyville Community College (2007-08-09)
Shukree Barfield, DT (3)	Garden City Community College (2007-08)
Kevin Dixon, DT (4)	Garden City Community College (2007)
Zac Lee, QB (4)	City College of San Francisco (2009-current)
Armando Murillo, DB (4)	Eastern Arizona Community College (2007-08)
Joseph Townsend, DT (4)	Foothill Community College

JUCO All-America Trio

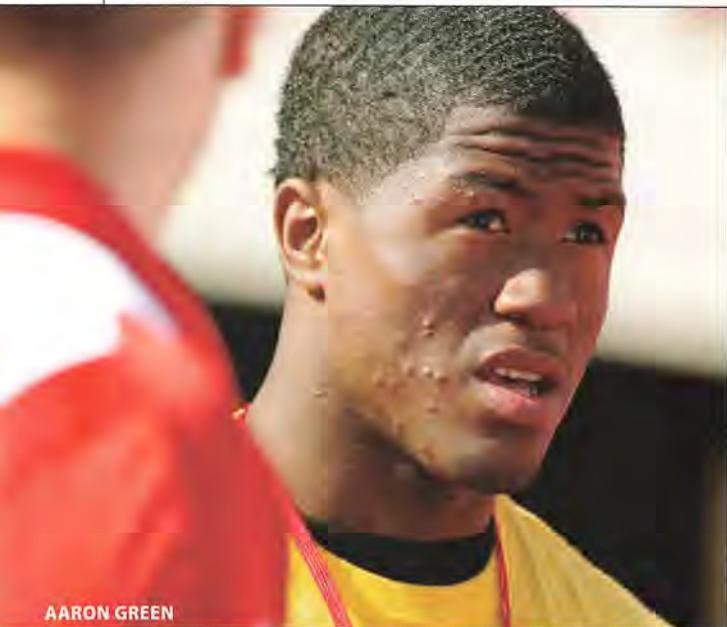
Mike Rozier (Coffeyville Community College), Bob Newton (Cerritos Junior College) and Wonder Monds (Indian Hills Community College) earned All-America honors at Nebraska: Rozier in 1982 and 1983, Monds in 1975 and Newton in 1970. Rozier also was the Cornhuskers' second Heisman Trophy winner and ranks first on the school's single-season and career rushing lists.





Huskers land one of nation's elite

4-star running back Aaron Green makes it official, picks Huskers over Texas, Florida State, Cal I SEAN STEVENS



AARON GREEN

There's never been a question that Nebraska's running back top target for the 2011 recruiting class was San Antonio, Texas star Aaron Green (5-11/191). A quick review of Rivals.com's database shows only 5 known scholarship offers to players listed as running backs, and two of those could be considered for other positions.

Since he burst onto the national scene by rushing for over 2,000 yards as a sophomore in Texas' largest classification, Green has garnered the attention of college coaches. The Huskers have always seemed to have

a bit of an inside track, as Green's older brother Andrew signed with NU in 2009 and is currently a redshirted freshman defensive back.

On October 27 at his church Green made his decision official, choosing Nebraska over California, Florida State, and Texas.

Green cited a chance to grow spiritually, as well as his feeling that NU is "on the rise" and that he expects the Big Red to contend for a national title as reasons for his decision to join his brother in Lincoln.

"I realized when I went up there and just chilling with the players - Roy

Helu, my brother, Taylor Martinez. We had a good time. I just felt at home up there and we're just going to see how far this is going to take us."

As Rivals.com's No. 3-ranked player in Texas, Green becomes Nebraska's third big-time commit from the Lone Star State joining cornerback Tevin Mitchell (No. 13) and quarterback Jamal Turner (No. 20).

Allen commits

NU also added another offensive weapon to their arsenal as wide receiver Taariq Allen (6-3/191) of Weston, Mass. gave his commitment. Allen attended Nebraska's summer camp this past June, and initially committed to Connecticut before rescinding his pledge and giving Nebraska a second look.

"The first time I went out there for a camp, I didn't even know they were recruiting me then," he said. "Now, I've become close to coach (Ted) Gilmore, he knows what he's doing, he coaches well, and he seems like a good coach that I could connect with."

COMMIT Q&A



TYLER MOORE

At a glance: Clearwater (Fla.) Countryside offensive lineman and Nebraska commit Tyler Moore is one of the top recruits in the country. Huskers Illustrated caught up with Moore for this week's Spotlight.

SEAN CALLAHAN: Talk about your family ties to Nebraska and how that helped you pick NU?

MOORE: Of course my dad went there in the mid 80's and my cousin Jay Moore went there and way back when my great uncle Vince Ferragamo went there, so I have quite a bit of ties to Nebraska.

CALLAHAN: What's your first or earliest memory of Nebraska football?

MOORE: I'd say probably watching the VHS's of the bowl games against Virginia Tech and Florida. I just remember watching those reruns of us winning national championships and winning big bowl games.

CALLAHAN: What was people's reaction in Florida when you turned down all the in-state schools?

MOORE: From people that knew me and teammates and stuff, they all said: "Why are you going to Nebraska? Why don't you go to Florida, they're a lot better?" I never liked Florida. I just always told people "I'm going to Nebraska and we'll be fine when I get there."

CALLAHAN: What's your favorite hobby or thing to do outside of football?

MOORE: I'd probably say my favorite thing to do is play video games. I like to play "Call of Duty."

CALLAHAN: You'll come into Nebraska with a pretty special group of offensive linemen. How close are you guys?

MOORE: Ryne Reeves and Ryan Klachko and Zach Sterup are a great bunch of guys. We've just got to get Zach to talk a little bit more because he's a very quiet guy. I like the goofiness of both Reeves and Klachko because you can always just have fun with them even when you're off the field.

2011 Husker Commit List (15)

- ★★★ TAARIQ ALLEN, WR, 6-3, 191, Weston, Mass. (Rivers)
- ★★ AARYN BOUZOS, DB, 5-11, 185, La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada)
- ★★★ DANIEL DAVIE, DB, 6-0, 181, Beatrice, Neb.
- ★★★★ AARON GREEN, RB, 5-11, 191, San Antonio, Texas (James Madison)
- ★★★★ RYAN KLACHKO, OL, 6-4, 287, Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
- ★★★★ TEVIN MITCHEL, DB, 6-0, 175, Mansfield, Texas (Legacy)
- ★★★★ TYLER MOORE, OL, 6-6, 290, Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
- ★★★★ RYNE REEVES, OL, 6-3, 300, Crete, Neb. (Crete)
- ★★ NIKLAS SADE, K, 6-3, 190, Raleigh, NC (Wakefield)
- ★★★ DAVID SANTOS, LB, 6-0, 193, Klein, Texas (Klein Collins)
- ★★★★ DAIMION STAFFORD, DB, 6-1, 210, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Chaffey CC)
- ★★★★ BUBBA STARLING, QB, 6-4, 193, Gardner, Kan. (Gardner Edgerton)
- ★★★★ ZACH STERUP, OL, 6-8, 260, Hastings, Neb. (St. Cecilia)
- ★★★★ JAMAL TURNER, QB, 6-1, 173, Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston)
- ★★★ KEVIN WILLIAMS, DT, 6-2, 275, Holland, Ohio (Springfield)

2011 Unofficial Offer List

James Adeyanju	Jalen Grimble	*Dexter Moody
DE, 6-2, 250 Chicago, Ill.	DE, 6-4, 255 Las Vegas, Nev.	LB, 6-2, 210 Fort Scott (Kan.) CC
Jonathan Aiken	Jesse Hayes	Givens Mordi Price
CB, 5-11, 185 Hollywood, Fla.	DE, 6-4, 230 Cincinnati, Ohio	OL, 6-4, 278 Houston, Texas
Taariq Allen	Christian Heyward	*Malcolm Moulton
WR, 6-2, 186 Weston, Mass.	DT, 6-2, 269 San Diego, Calif.	WR, 5-11, 185 Fort Scott (Kan.) CC
Darien Bryant	Cyrus Hobbi	Patrick Onwuasor
TE, 6-4, 215 Pickerington, Ohio	OL, 6-4, 285 Scottsdale, Ariz.	WR, 6-2, 190 Inglewood, Calif.
Jeremy Cash	Charles Jackson	Todd Peat, Jr.
S, 6-1, 185 Plantation, Fla.	CB, 5-11, 180 Klein, Texas	DT, 6-3, 300 Tempe, Ariz.
Curt Evans	Mickey Johnson	Miles Shuler
WR, 6-0, 173 Hollywood, Fla.	DT, 6-1, 310 Covington, La.	WR, 5-11, 173 Long Branch, NJ
Christian French	Lake Koa-Kaiai	Joel Willis
Athlete, 6-6, 218 Cedar Rapids, IA	DE, 6-4, 250 Honolulu, Hawaii	Athlete, 5-10, 180 Garden Grove, CA
Aaron Green	Keith Lewis	DeVante Wilson
RB, 5-10, 191 San Antonio, TX	LB, 6-0, 194 Lakeland, Fla.	DE, 6-4, 230 Corona, Calif.
Quentin Griffin	Wayne Lyons	*Junior College prospect
DE, 6-3, 230 Rayville, La.	Safety, 6-0, 190 Ft. Lauderdale, FL.	

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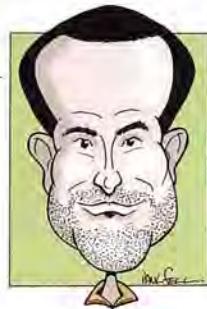
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DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

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Recruiting fans can get lost in the stars

EVALUATION.

It's a pretty important term that recruiting fans seem to pass over.

It also has more meanings than just the surface-level definition.

This week, while looking at Nebraska's current team recruiting ranking in the top 25, I went back to look at some of the old rankings I and others put together during my time as a regional analyst for Rivals.com. Specifically, I was looking at what teams like TCU did recruiting against heavy-hitters like Texas.

Sure, I found several I got right. The 4-star ranking on Jeremy Kerley or small stuff like a push for Andy Dalton to be bumped to a 3-star at the end stuck out.

Those two have been pretty meaningful to the rising Horned Frogs over the last few seasons.

And sure, I had some misses, too.

First-round NFL draft pick Jerry Hughes was a 2-star prospect. In my defense, Hughes was a 6-foot-2, 215-pound kid who had a very strong testing day at the NIKE Training Camp. He was a projection TCU coaches made and a guy they knew they could not only land but develop.

Unlike the NFL Draft experts, we don't have a collection of high-definition college video to look at. Some of the stuff we watch looks like

it was shot from space. But, that's for another article.

Anyway, this all got me thinking about evaluation.

A college coach told me once, "The secret to recruiting isn't just landing the Parade All-American, but finding the guy that no one knows about, who fits your system and getting him before they do."

The prospect that no one knows about is rare with how fast information travels these days.

Nevertheless, the point is valid. Landing top talent is important but so is projecting those maybe not as highly touted.

The year Terrelle Pryor came out of high school as the top recruit in the country, I'm sure if every coaching staff in the country was told they could have him on the roster for the next four years, they would have said yes without batting an eye.

The core of a good recruiting class, though, is the great evaluations. Getting the guys that don't have a list of scholarship offers a mile long but can be put into a system where their potential turns to production.

Taylor Martinez is a perfect example. Talked about as an athlete or a safety out of high school, no one questioned his pure athleticism.

How many schools were lining up to

take him as a quarterback?

Nebraska didn't know he'd be a quarterback but didn't rule it out. The best thing a coach can do is not just sell the program and land the recruit, but make that pitch to the type of player that can make a difference.

Defensively, there is no question Bo Pelini and staff have made some great evaluations. DeJon Gomes was a 3-star junior college recruit out of San Francisco who had it basically down to Nebraska and Houston before deciding.

Forget the offers, Pelini and company saw something.

For those keeping track at home, he's working out pretty well.

Evaluation is about finding the right guys for your system not just on the field but off. Are they going to realize how hard they have to work to start? Will they fit in with what we want to do schematically? Are they tough enough?

This isn't the NFL. You can't sign a free agent if it doesn't work out. Every one of your evaluations has to count, every year. A miss is glaring and a hit can change your program.

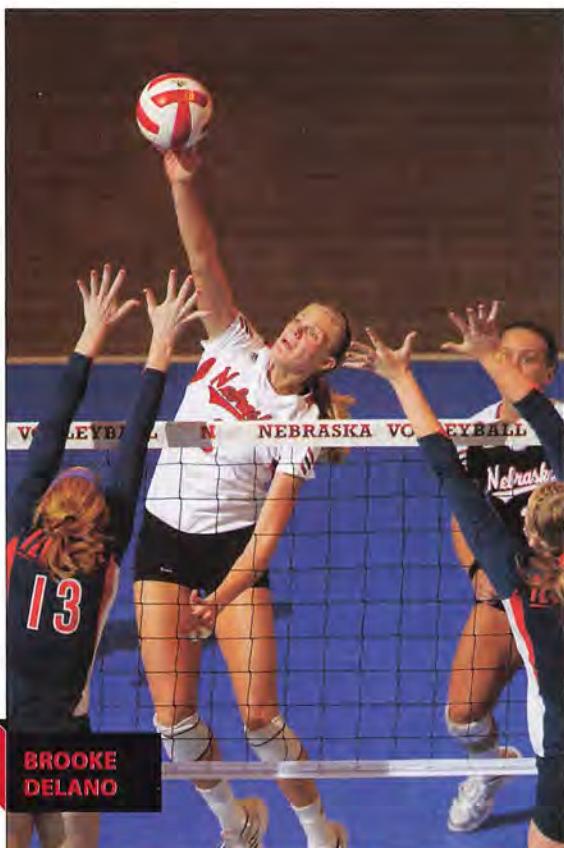
Evaluation is about fit. Fit for the player and fit for the team.

It's safe to say with what we've seen so far from Nebraska on the recruiting trail, this coaching staff has hit stride in finding the right fits. **N**

Wilberger's career reaching new levels

Former longshot, armed with scholarship, seeing significant playing time

I BOB HAMAR



BROOKE DELANO

PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

JORDAN WILBERGER WAS A BIT OF A LONGSHOT TO HAVE MUCH OF AN IMPACT WHEN SHE JOINED THE

Nebraska volleyball program as a walk-on from Scottsbluff, Neb., High School.

"One of the reasons we took her here is because she was a good athlete," Husker coach John Cook said. "She just wasn't a very good volleyball player."

That's all changed now. Wilberger is now sharing time at middle blocker with

sophomore Allison McNeal and has developed into a solid Division I player.

That's why Wilberger was given a scholarship after paying her own way for her first three years in the program.

It was an emotional moment for Wilberger when she found out this summer that she had earned that scholarship.

"She was in tears when

she found out," Cook said. "I remember when she came to visit, she asked us if she had the opportunity to earn a scholarship if she did well. I said sure."

Wilberger, who is working on a degree in math and would like to eventually get a masters degree in special education, said it was kind of a big deal for her.

"It was really exciting," Wilberger said. "It kind of caught me off-guard, but I was honored to know that the coaches felt that I had earned it. It's something you always shoot for. I had known coming in that it may not ever happen. I was perfectly fine with that."

What Wilberger hasn't been fine with is the migraine headaches she's been battling for some time. She's managed to play through those headaches, most recently when she played all three sets in a win over Kansas State on Oct. 16.

The headaches stem from some issues with her jaw and neck that the Huskers' doctors are beginning to get cleared up.

"It's really helped her vision," Cook said. "It's helped her shoulder and helped her as an athlete. This all started about a year and a half ago. We're



TEAM CHEMISTRY IMPORTANT

John Cook has been presented with some interesting challenges this year because of a deep Husker roster.

That was a problem he didn't have in 2008, when the Huskers overcame the retirement of setter Rachel Holloway, a knee injury to middle blocker Kori Cooper and health issues that kept Brooke Delano out the final month of the season.

Somehow, that team advanced to the final four before losing to Penn State in the national semifinals.

"That team got thrown under the bus," Cook said. "Holloway left. Delano goes out. Cooper goes out. We're down to seven or eight players so there's nothing to worry about except playing for each other.

"That's why that team had that magical chemistry or whatever you want to call it."

HONESTY THE BEST POLICY

For much of this season, Cook has been alternating players at one middle blocker spot and three players at the two left side hitter positions. Cook said he just tries to be honest with all the players about where they stand and what direction he's going.

Cook and the players talked about that a lot during their bye week in the middle of October. The important thing is for the players to be playing for the right reasons.

"Really, if you're playing for the team and competing for each other, then whether you're on the bench, whether you're coming in, whether you were in and came out, whether you're a starter or a non-starter, it doesn't matter," Cook said. "You're still giving."

2010 Schedule

RUNZA/AVCA SHOWCASE

SAT, AUG 28	KENTUCKY	QWEST CENTER OMAHA	W, 3-0
SUN, AUG 29	FLORIDA	QWEST CENTER OMAHA	L, 2-3
TUE, AUG 31	CREIGHTON	OMAHA, NEB.	W, 3-0
BYU TOURNAMENT			
FRI, SEP 3	BYU	PROVO, UTAH	W, 3-1
SAT, SEP 4	CAL POLY	PROVO, UTAH	W, 3-0
SAT, SEP 4	IDAHO STATE	PROVO, UTAH	W, 3-0

AMERITAS PLAYERS CHALLENGE

THU, SEP 9	DAYTON	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-1
FRI, SEP 10	W. MICHIGAN	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, SEP 11	ILLINOIS	DEVANEY	W, 3-2

BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAY

WED, SEP 15	IOWA STATE *	AMES, IOWA	W, 3-1
SAT, SEP 18	COLORADO *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
WED, SEP 22	KANSAS *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, SEP 25	BAYLOR *	WACO, TEXAS	W, 3-0
WED, SEP 29	OKLAHOMA *	NORMAN, OKLA.	W, 3-1
SAT, OCT 2	TEXAS *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-1
WED, OCT 6	MISSOURI *	COLUMBIA, MO.	W, 3-0
SAT, OCT 9	TEXAS A&M *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, OCT 16	KANSAS STATE *	MANHATTAN, KAN.	W, 3-0
WED, OCT 20	TEXAS TECH *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
SAT, OCT 23	MISSOURI *	NU COLISEUM	W, 3-0
WED, OCT 27	TEXAS *	AUSTIN, TEXAS	L, 1-3
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WED, NOV 17	OKLAHOMA *	NU COLISEUM	7 P.M.
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FRI, DEC 10-11	NCAA REGIONALS	TBA
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starting to see the benefits. If you look at her arm swing, it's a different arm swing than it was a year and a half ago."

A healthy Wilberger is now playing a larger role for the Huskers. She tied her career high with eight blocks in a victory over Missouri on Oct. 23.

"We're seeing that in her play," Cook said. "She's gaining a lot of confidence and our setters are gaining a lot of confidence in her. She's the rock. The other thing I've noticed about Jordan when she's in there is she's just kind of a calming influence on the court, especially when it's hectic."

Wilberger credits Nebraska assistant Erik Sullivan, who works with the middle blockers, for much of her improvement.

"I think Erik has done a really good job of slowing down the game for me and just breaking things down," Wilberger said. "I just try to always go back to fundamentals. That's always going to be the solid foundation for anybody's game."

Cook said he plans to continue rotating Wilberger and McNeal on a who's hot basis. That's just fine with Wilberger.

"I think the three of us middles are pretty close because we've been together a good three years,"

Wilberger said. "We really try to support each other and come to the gym each day to make each other better. Whoever is out on the court, we know the coaches are making the best decisions."

It's already been a great ride for Wilberger. She has not only earned a scholarship but got to play in the 2008 final four in Omaha.

Wilberger could have been a scholarship athlete at Colorado State, Creighton, Kansas or Tulsa,

but she said none of those schools compared to Nebraska.

"Nothing really caught my eye like Nebraska did," Wilberger said. "I never thought it was realistic until Coach Cook mentioned walking on. I like to compete for things, so I went for it."

"It's been an awesome experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

The one thing Wilberger -- and all the current players -- are missing is a national title.

"We're not satisfied with where we're at right now at all," Wilberger said. "We know there are a ton of things to work on. We're taking those one by one. We're really excited to keep improving."

"We're really excited to see how the season ends. We're working together as a team to do all we can to win a national championship."

Around THE Horn

I BRIAN ROSENTHAL

THIS ISSUE MEN'S BASKETBALL BASEBALL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SOCCER



DOC SADLER

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SADLER EXPANDS ASSISTANTS' ROLES

New assistant coaches Wes Flanigan and Tracy Webster have done more than bring some new blood to the Nebraska basketball program.

They've also helped coach Doc Sadler rest his vocal chords.

Senior guard Lance

Jeter said Sadler is "definitely" letting his assistants do more on-court coaching during practice. That, combined with players also taking more responsibility for their on-court actions, is making practices run smoother, he said.

"Coach Doc don't have to worry about the

small things," Jeter said. "He don't have to be everywhere at once. He's got coaches he can trust who know what they're talking about. They know the game. They know what to expect."

Sadler said delegating more work to his staff was a decision he made after some self-evaluating

SOCCER

Nebraska entered its regular-season finale against Colorado with a 14-8-1 record, the Huskers' highest season-win total since 2005, when they qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Nebraska closed its home schedule with a 2-1 victory over Kansas to achieve that mark. Junior Jordan Jackson and senior Colleen Goetzmann scored in each half. Both goals came on assists from sophomore Morgan Marlborough

Jackson's three-point match increased her season point total to 29 (10 goals, nine assists), while Marlborough's two-assist game gave her a Big 12-leading 43 points (16 goals, 11 assists). Marlborough has 92 career points and is one point shy of tying former Husker Kelly Rheem for eighth on the all-time list.

Tara Macdonald had two saves and is now 7-3-1 this season. She was among seven seniors to be honored on Senior Day, joining Alexa Cardona (Lincoln, Neb.), Goetzmann (Omaha), Katie Goetzmann (Omaha), Brittany Goosen (Olathe, Kan.), Anna White (Warrensburg, Mo.) and Jaclyn White (Long Beach, Calif.).

in the wake of last season's 15-18 record and last-place finish in the Big 12 Conference. He sought input from athletic director Tom Osborne, football coach Bo Pelini and football adviser Joe Moglia. They all told him the same thing.

"Just use your staff. Hire good people and let 'em coach. Trust them," Sadler said. "You can't do it all yourself. That's what they all pretty much said. And they're right."

Sadler, who's taken a hands-on approach in his first 11 years as a head coach, knew that implementing that advice would be a challenge.

"That's not my make-up," said Sadler, who endured his first losing season as a head coach. "My make-up is to be right in the middle of everybody."

Flanigan, who comes from Alabama-Birmingham, is in charge of coaching post players. Webster, who was interim coach at DePaul last season, works with the guards, along with Chris Croft, who's been elevated to assistant coach after serving the last four years as director of basketball operations.

"Wes has a great

personality. He's tough," Sadler said. "He demands respect, and he's a great teacher with post guys. I think you're going to see our post play really improve.

"Tracy really was, even though his record may not have shown it, if you would've seen what he did with DePaul last year and talk to the teams in that league, I think he did a phenomenal job, and should be a head coach. And Wes Flanigan will be a head coach. I think both of those guys are guys who can recruit and definitely are very, very good

coaches."

KELLEY SIDELINED

Dominique Kelley insists she'll be on the court when the Nebraska women's basketball team opens its regular season Nov. 13.

If Kelley had her way, she'd be playing in exhibition games, too. That wasn't likely, though, as Kelley recovers from surgery to repair cartilage in her left knee.

A senior guard from Lincoln, Kelley is one of two returning starters for the Huskers. She played with knee pain during the second half of last season and had surgery only after

she felt her knee pop in an off-season conditioning drill.

Even then, it took some convincing from coach Connie Yori.

"Coach stressed the importance of (playing healthy) and how I deserved that, and how she had played injured as a senior in college and it's not fun," Kelley said. "And the last thing I want to do, with our team being as young as we are, I want to be really contagious in a positive way, and if I was going to be playing in pain, I probably wasn't going to be doing that."



Kelley, who's made 98 consecutive starts, averaged 12.6 points last season and earned All-Big 12 honorable mention honors.

HOOPER IMPRESSIVE

Connie Yori admits she's not a coach that usually touts players – especially freshmen.

So when the Nebraska women's basketball coach says Jordan Hooper is a special player, it means something.

"I think the player that's stood out the most in our early season practice is Jordan Hooper," Yori said of the 6-foot-2 freshman forward from Alliance. "Jordan is pretty special, going to be a pretty special

player in our program."

Yori said Hooper set an all-time agility test record in the fall, and she raved about Hooper's overall skill and shooting ability.

Hooper, a three-time, first-team all-state player, averaged 26.1 points and 15.2 rebounds as a senior.

BASEBALL

Nebraska's incoming baseball recruiting class is ranked No. 23 according to Baseball America magazine. The Huskers are one of three Big 12 teams in the top 25, joining No. 15 Oklahoma State and No. 21 Oklahoma.



Highlighting Nebraska's class are two pitchers – Logan Ehlers and Jon Keller – who were drafted in the first 11 rounds of the 2010 MLB Draft. They faced off in Game 3 of Nebraska's Red-White Series, as Ehlers struck out 10 batters in six innings while giving up only four hits and an unearned run. Keller struck out four hitters as he went five innings and allowed two runs on four hits.

At the plate, freshman Tanner Krieteimeier (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) hit .250 in the Red-White series with two RBIs, including a 2-for-4 day with one RBI in the finale.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FUTURE (BIG TEN) FOE

I-back Damon Benning (21) carries as offensive tackle Adam Treu sells out on a block during the two-time defending national-champion Cornhuskers' season-opening victory against Michigan State in 1996. The final score was 55-14, the most lopsided in the brief non-conference series with the Spartans. The big plays in the first half were a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown by Mike Fullman and an 84-yard interception return for a touchdown by Mike Minter. Next season, Nebraska and Michigan State will compete in the same division of the Big Ten, so they'll be playing each other every season, home-and-home. The Cornhuskers have never lost in five meetings against Michigan State, the first under Jumbo Stiehm in 1914 (24-0) and the most recent in the 2003 Alamo Bowl game (17-3). And yes, that was Bo Pelini's first victory as a head coach. He was the interim coach after Frank Solich was fired.



MIKE ROZIER

GAMES REMEMBERED

LANDSLIDE VICTORY

"Scoring Explosion" offense cranks out 72 points, but Osborne displeased with defensive performance

THE COMBINED 101 points were a Memorial Stadium record. And Cornhusker I-back Mike Rozier turned in a record-breaking performance. But the post-game topic was defense.

College football was mirroring pro football, with an increasing offensive emphasis on passing, according to Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride. College coaches had to change with the times. And that meant, among other things, recruiting more speed on defense, he said.

Iowa State's offense

was a case in point. Cyclones quarterback David Archer completed 26-of-46 passes for 346 of 503 total yards, one touchdown and a two-point conversion.

The Huskers blitzed and mixed coverages but couldn't get pressure on Archer. And Nebraska's linebackers and defensive ends had problems covering Iowa State's swift receivers.

The No. 1-ranked Huskers' salvation was the "Scoring Explosion" offense, and Rozier in particular. The senior from Camden, N.J., rushed for 212 yards

and four touchdowns, breaking Johnny Rodgers' school career records for touchdowns and points, as well as Bobby Reynolds' season records for touchdowns and rushing touchdowns.

In addition, quarterback Turner Gill completed 13-of-24 passes for 241 yards and three touchdowns as Nebraska finished with 667 total yards, including 426 rushing.

TOM OSBORNE: "I wish we could shut people down better than we have recently, but we win or lose as a team. It's a total team effort that counts."

NEBRASKA 72, IOWA STATE 29

Nov. 5, 1983 • Memorial Stadium

Iowa State	0	14	7	8	--	29
Nebraska	14	21	10	27	--	72

(N) Mike Rozier 5 run (Scott Livingston kick)
(N) Todd Frain 27 pass Turner Gill (Livingston kick)
(IS) Tommy Davis 15 pass David Archer (Marc Bachrodt kick)
(N) Irving Fryar 20 pass Gill (Livingston kick)
(IS) Davis 1 run (Bachrodt kick)
(N) Gill 3 run (Livingston kick)
(N) Scott Kimball 18 pass Gill (Livingston kick)
(IS) Al Watson 1 run (Bachrodt kick)
(N) Rozier 21 run (Livingston kick)
(N) Livingston 31 field goal
(N) Rozier 59 run (Livingston kick)
(IS) Davis 2 run (Dave Smoldt pass Archer)
(N) Rozier 17 run (Livingston kick)
(N) Craig Sundberg 1 run (Mark Hagerman kick)
(N) Jeff Smith 1 run (kick failed)

Attendance: 76,326

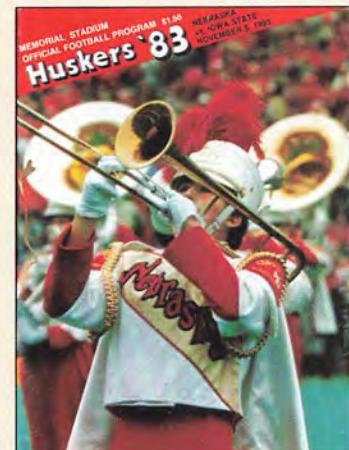
DO YOU REMEMBER?

► For a ninth consecutive game Mike Rozier rushed for 100 yards and for the second game in a row he surpassed 200 yards rushing.

► Wingback Irving Fryar led the Huskers in receiving with five catches for 114 yards and a touchdown, despite missing the fourth quarter with a shoulder injury.

► Nebraska's final touchdown was set up by a Todd Fisher pass interception. Fisher, a cornerback, is the father of current Husker linebacker Sean Fisher.

► Regular gasoline was \$1.179 a gallon in Lincoln, \$1.262 a gallon for gasohol.



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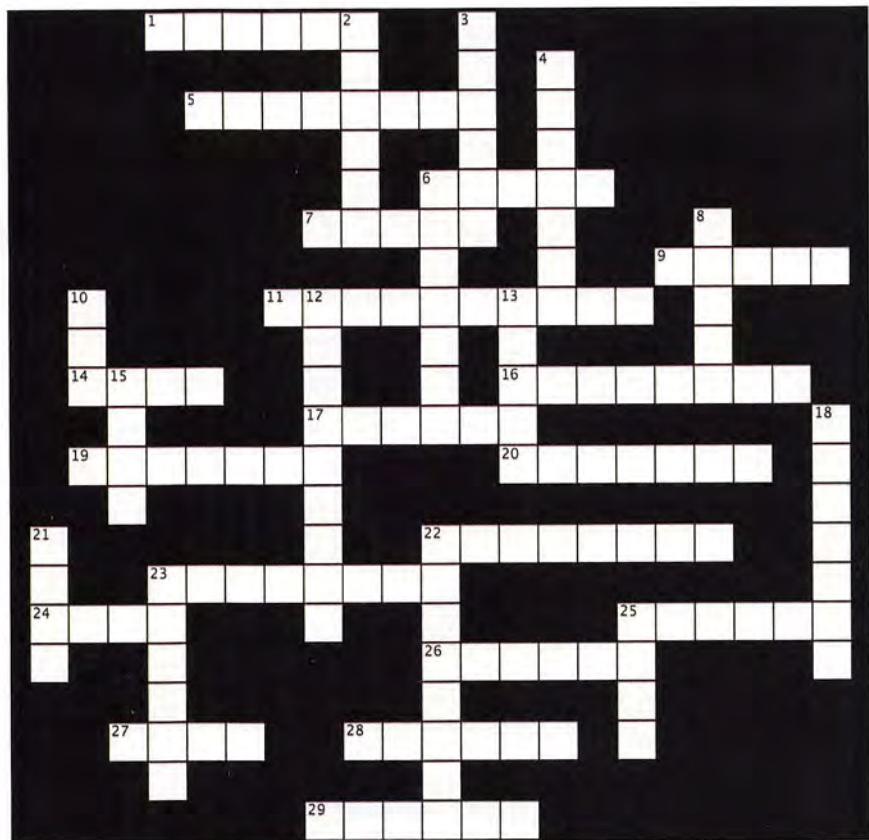
ACROSS

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- Ex-Husker coach now with New York Jets
- Iowa State 2-time All-American (1995-96)
- Adi Kuncic's home state
- Defensive lineman named quarterfinalist for Lott Trophy
- Ex-Husker cornerback now with Baltimore Ravens
- Intercepted pass vs. Oklahoma State
- Leading rusher vs. Oklahoma State
- Caught 3 touchdown passes vs. Oklahoma State
- Alfonzo Dennard's home state
- 1992 Outland Trophy winner
- Nov. 26 opponent
- Former Iowa State head coach
- 2012 non-conference opponent
- Ex-Husker cornerback now with Chicago Bears
- Wears No. 48
- Number of Taylor Martinez touchdown passes vs. Oklahoma State
- Iowa State quarterback
- Quarterbacks coach

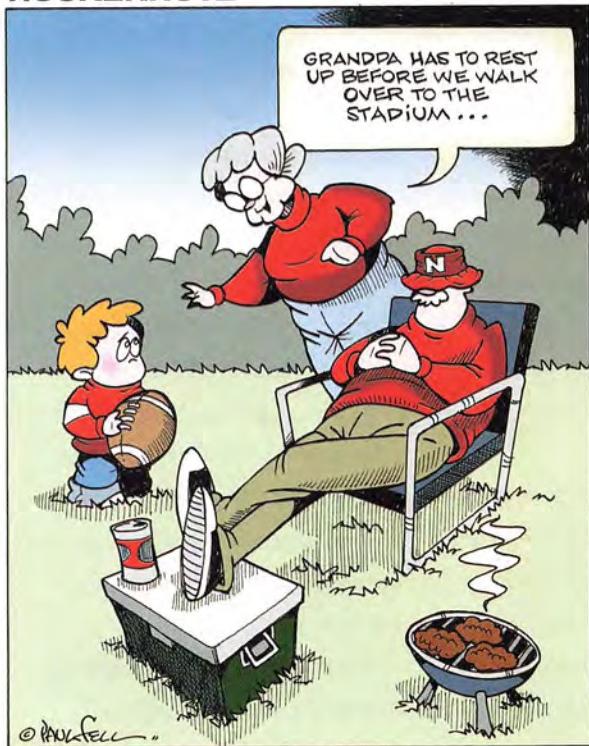
DOWN

- Ex-Husker linebacker now with New Orleans Saints
- Nov. 13 opponent
- Iowa State's bowl after 2009 season
- NU radio color analyst
- Wore retired No. 64
- 2009 AP National Player-of-the-Year
- Cornerback named quarterfinalist for Lott Trophy
- Leading tackler vs. Oklahoma State
- Iowa State campus location
- 2011 non-conference opponent
- Leading receiver vs. Oklahoma State
- Iowa State nickname
- Wears No. 46
- Running backs coach

Answers will appear in the Nov. 13 issue



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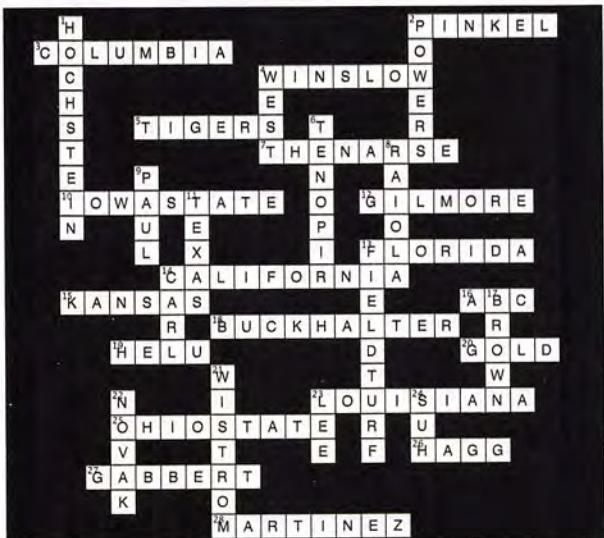
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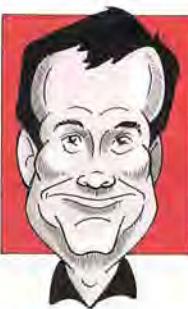
Which one of the following Husker running backs holds the school record for carries in a game with 37: Doug DuBose, Mike Rozier, Dahrran Diedrick, Cory Ross, Tony Davis, Calvin Jones.

Answer will appear in our next issue

OCT. 30 ANSWER: Warren Powers

OCTOBER 30 SOLUTION





THE FINAL WORD

BY MIKE BABCOCK

Helu predictably reserved on incredible feat

HUSKER HISTORY ARRIVED for a post-game interview, in a corner of the weight room, draped in black: black hoodie, black sweatpants, with a red block N on the right side of each.

Just over an hour had elapsed since game's end.

Roy Helu, Jr. wore the black hood up, perhaps in an attempt to insulate himself from the attention that as about to be showered on him in the form of reporters' questions.

Nebraska's senior running back isn't big on personal accolades.

"Personally, Roy's a laid-back guy," sophomore tight end Ben Cotton said earlier. "You can see that yourself. He's not a guy that likes to throw himself out there individually. He really likes to keep the team together and a part of everything that he's fortunate enough to get."

Maybe that's why so much time had passed. Maybe he was hoping to wait out reporters.

That might have worked after some games. But not this one, not after Helu rushed for 307 yards and scored touchdowns on runs of 66, 73 and 53 yards in the 31-17 victory.

No Husker had ever rushed for 300 yards in a game, not Mike Rozier, not Eric Crouch, not Ahman Green, not Lawrence Phillips, not Calvin Jones, who held the record previously at 294.

Even coach Bo Pelini, whose

disinterest in statistics is well documented, acknowledged the accomplishment.

"Obviously, I just said to the team, you break a school record for single-game rushing at this place, with all the tradition around here, it's a pretty big deal," he said.

The final 53 yards came on Nebraska's final possession, a 14-play, 54-yard drive that used up the game's final 8:40. Helu carried for 6 yards on the first play to move past Rick Berns (255) and Ken Clark (256). Five carries later, he picked up 15 yards to pass Rozier (285) and Jones.

Helu gained 3 yards on the last of his 10 carries during the drive, on a fourth-and-1. Then quarterback Zac Lee downed the ball on three consecutive snaps to end the game.

Before those three snaps, Helu went to the sideline to chants of "Helu, Helu."

He was oblivious to the sixth-largest crowd in Memorial Stadium history. "I didn't know they cheered my name," said Helu. "I wish I'd heard it, though; that would have been cool."

His reception on the sideline was "weird," he said. His teammates "were acting like we won the Super Bowl or something. I got squirted on the back with water," and he was greeted with "a lot of really kind things that teammates said, just a lot of congratulations."

Near the end of his interview, Helu

interjected: "I've got a question. So when they chanted the Roy thing, how do you chant 'Roy' because my name's like only three letters?"

Well, actually, the chants were "Helu," not "Roy," someone pointed out.

"They said, 'HAY-lu'? My name's 'HEL-ooo.' It's OK, but you can call me 'HAY-lu,'" he said.

Just to clarify, though, "It's 'HEL-ooo, Jr.'"

Pronunciation issues aside, Helu spelled trouble for Missouri's defense. In fact, his 66-yard touchdown run came on Nebraska's first play from scrimmage.

Helu also moved up to sixth on the Huskers' career-rushing list, with 2,966 yards. He needs 72 yards to pass Clark at No. 5. Jones and Crouch also would seem to be within reach.

"When you consider all the great, great players that have been here at Nebraska, that's a phenomenal feat today," said offensive coordinator Shawn Watson.

"That's one of the greatest performances I've ever been a part of."

Helu, who had quietly worked his way into the pantheon of great Husker running backs until the Missouri game, was predictably reserved about his accomplishment.

"It was nice," he said. "I'm just not thinking like that right now."

He paused and then broke out in hearty laughter. ■

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